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Contest for chair of 1922 committee

Euro-sceptics renew threat of defiance

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major faced fresh trouble over Europe last night when Conservative Euro-sceptics launched a campaign to persuade him to drop his threat to call a general election over the European Finance Bill.

In a further blow, the senior backbencher who warned Conservative MPs publicly against opposing the Bill was confronted with an unexpected challenge for his job. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, the long-serving MP, announced that he was standing against Sir Marcus Fox for the chairmanship of the 1922 committee, the party's most senior and influential backbench post.

Although he is backed by a cross-section of the party, Sir Nicholas will become the standard-bearer for dissidents furious that Sir Marcus behaved last week as a "messenger boy" for Mr Major in declaring that the vote on the Bill increasing Britain's payments to the European Union would be a confidence issue.

In a potentially more dangerous development, some 25 hard-core Euro-sceptics met in a Commons committee room last night and after 80 minutes emerged determined to continue their battle over the Bill. It was clear last night that Mr Major's election threat had not yet crushed the rebellion.

A "substantial number" of those at the meeting were said to be prepared to take the risk of losing the Tory whip by refusing to support the Government. The majority were believed more likely to abstain but in the eyes of the Tory whips that is the same as voting against, and they would face being made outcasts from their own party.

Rebel leaders said the meeting had agreed unanimously that Mr Major had committed a "constitutional outrage" in turning the passage of the Bill into a confidence matter. Many speakers also believed that Mr Major would have to drop his election threat if he faced defeat in next Monday's second reading vote, and that the Cabinet would urge him to change his tactics if that looked a possibility on the morning of the vote.

Government loyalists believe the rebels were deliberately talking up their strength in the vain hope of wringing concessions from the Prime Minister. The whips believe that when it comes to the crunch, and Mr Major refuses to back down, the revolt will fade away. They say the threat of being disowned by their constituency parties will in the end discourage the MPs from the ultimate act of disloyalty.

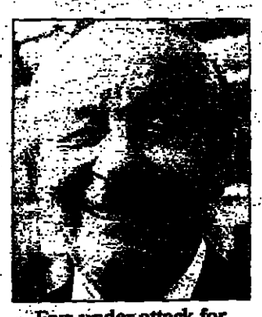
The new threat to Mr Major came amid fears that the 1922 chairmanship battle could become a surrogate contest between Major loyalists and his fiercest critics on Europe.

Sir Marcus, who is on the slate of the rightwing 92 group, is expected to hold on to his job but Sir Nicholas, a Tory patrician with a strong Euro-sceptic streak, will win support from across the party. He has been urged to stand by leading Tory leftwingers but his backers will include hardline sceptics. Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said he would back the Upminster MP because he was not "a lapdog of the Government."

Sir Nicholas is a respected chairman of the all-party Defence Select Committee and a popular figure. But he has told friends that he would be prepared to deliver unpopular messages to Mr Major, traditionally the task of the 1922 chairman but one that Sir

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Fox: under attack for giving election warning



Bonsor: ready to deliver unpopular messages



MICHAEL POWELL

Lance Sergeant Waterhouse: the bandage is for a tendon pulled in the barracks kitchen



Bassett: disarmed mortar

Air attack fails to halt Serb offensive

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

BOSNIAN Serb forces pressed on with their attempt to overrun the United Nations "safe area" of Bihac yesterday, as Nato warned that its fighter aircraft were ready to mount a second airstrike.

A Bosnian army source in Zagreb claimed there was hand-to-hand fighting less than two miles from Bihac as the Serbs closed in.

UN Protection Force (Unprofor) officials warned that further Nato air strikes could be launched if the Serb offensive continued. However, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, insisted in an interview that despite the Nato air attack on the Serb-held Udbina airfield in Croatia on Monday, negotiations remained the best way to resolve the conflict.

Yesterday the Serbs attempted to shoot down two Royal Navy Sea Harriers flying over Banja Luka in north-west Bosnia. Two Sam-2 guided missiles were launched from the ground but missed the two aircraft by about two miles after the pilots took evasive action.

The missile launch brought immediate warnings of Nato retaliation if the Serbs tried again to shoot down an aircraft on patrol.

Border villages south of Bihac town were abandoned and several were reported to be on fire. Some 2,000 refugees had also fled into the Bihac safe area, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander, said yesterday that he could not guarantee the safety of UN peacekeepers after the attack on the Udbina airfield.

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Sergeant wins MC for saving his men

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COLDSTREAM Guardsman has become the second non-commissioned soldier to receive the Military Cross. Lance Sergeant Darren Waterhouse, 28, commander of a Scimitar light tank in Bosnia, braved machinegun fire during a Serb attack to help his crew to safety.

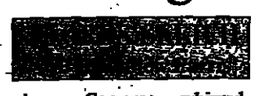
Sergeant Waterhouse said that at the time Serb forces had been taking British prisoners for negotiation purposes. At 5am on April 17 a trip flare was set off outside his crew's accommodation in Sarajevo. As machinegun fire began to pour in, Sergeant Waterhouse woke his men and directed them to their vehicles. The Serbs threw hand grenades but he gave covering fire until all his men had left.

Sergeant Waterhouse, who joined the Army in 1982, was the second NCO to receive the Military Cross since the award was opened to all ranks in 1993. The first recipient, Corporal Paul Dobson, also won it in Bosnia. Two officers were awarded the Military Cross for service in Bosnia. Captain Paul Bassett, of the Royal Engineers, disposed of a mortar round and anti-tank rocket during intense fighting, and Captain Andreas Carleton-Smith, of The Royal Green Jackets, risked artillery and mortar fire while leading patrols to gather information.

Lord Dickie scores monster hit with darling dinosaurs

DICKIE Attenborough must have thought he was dreaming yesterday. It was a strange dream, taking him back to that famous film set for *Jurassic Park*, where he played the scientific mastermind.

All around him huge, extinct creatures lumbered, slumbered and stirred. Vast scaly beasts and things with wrinkled necks glared, uncomprehending, at the swamp. Re-creations from the long-lost past took living form as the banks of hot lights required for filming beamed down into the prehistoric pit in which the action was taking



place. Cameras whirred. Technicians in glass-enclosed boxes peered out at the scene they were monitoring . . .

Yes, you guessed it. Lord Attenborough was making a speech to the House of Peers.

It was his maiden speech. Whether "full house" signs were displayed outside the Peers' lobby we could not establish, but every seat was taken. The dress circle above was filled with critics, your sketchwriter among them.

Visibly struggling to keep a hold on his tongue and say "my lords" whenever he would naturally have said "my darlings", this distinguished actor-director first asked our forgiveness for not having turned up on set for a speaking role before.

Last year, he explained, he had had to cancel his appearance due to a bout of flu. Earlier this year, when he might have starred at Westminster, his lordship had been obliged to fulfil "a lengthy professional commitment in the United States". Then there was a charity do in South Africa in which he had a central role. All in all, it had been a busy year. Peers looked up, impressed. Nice to be in such demand! Frankly, most of their lordships are "resting".

Attenborough wished to speak about the Arts. He began his speech in the caves of Stone Age man, as our ancestors began to daub their walls with paint. Listening peers, to whom the historical background is most important, were even more impressed. Most of their speeches start around the time of the Norman Conquest.

We moved on from the caves. It was not long before one of England's greatest living actors was completely immersed in his role. He began to declaim, pausing dramatically for breath and emphasis as the clichés rolled.

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Wimbledon takes £28m

The income generated by the Wimbledon tennis championships this year rose by 70 per cent to almost £28 million.

But Britain's players keep sinking in the world rankings, the leading men declined further in the Davis Cup, the women failed to reach the finals of the Federation Cup and there has even been a regression among the juniors.

Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, said: "In spite of all the efforts and the investment which have been made it has been a dismal year" ..... Page 48

Berlusconi stays

Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, last night vowed to remain in office despite being placed under formal investigation by anti-corruption magistrates. Mr Berlusconi, who faces allegations of bribing tax officials, said on television that he would only resign if he suffered a vote of no confidence ..... Page 15

London to reinforce anti-IRA defences

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE City of London is to spend an additional £1 million on security measures after receiving intelligence reports that the IRA continues to move men and bomb-making material around England.

Members of the City Corporation's policy and resources committee have voted to spend the money on improving anti-terrorist surveillance. This will include placing closed-circuit television cameras in one-way streets leading out of the Square Mile.

The "ring of plastic" bollards that have closed many roads into the City are to be replaced by concrete structures. At the same time closed roads are to be paved during the next four weeks.

The new measures were revealed as Sir John Wheeler, a junior minister in the Northern Ireland Office, warned the City that there could be no decrease in high levels of security while the IRA still has a huge arsenal of weapons and explosives. Sir John told the City of London police committee's annual lunch yesterday: "There can be no certainty of peace as long as large stocks of Semtex and guns remain available."

Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation's policy and resources committee, said last night: "We are not lowering our guard just because there is a ceasefire. There have been a number of reports that indicate that men and materials are still being moved around the mainland even during this ceasefire period."

The new measures are intended to close a gap in the City's anti-terrorist cordon which the Corporation fears could be exploited by splinter terrorist groups or by the IRA if the ceasefire breaks down. Although there are now only eight entry points to the Square Mile, there are many more exits along one-way streets. Closed-circuit television is an attempt to deter terrorists from driving vehicles against the traffic flow to plant bombs like those that devastated Bishopsgate and the area around the Baltic Exchange.

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American tycoon leaves a fortune to strangers

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AN ECCENTRIC New York tycoon has left $90 million (£58 million) to hundreds of people he had read about in newspapers but never met. Milton Petrie, a clothing magnate who died on November 6 at the age of 92, made it his mission in life and death to reward the needy, unfortunate and briefly famous.

Petrie selected most of his 383 beneficiaries from the daily stories of woe in New York's tabloid press. One example is Marla Hanson, a model slashed on the face by her landlord's hired thugs. She will receive an annual stipend of $20,000 for life, as will Steven McDonald, a policeman paralysed by a street shooting in 1986.

Betty Taylor, whose five children died when she left her flat to buy milk and the boiler exploded, gets $12,000 a year, while Gregory Condolucci, the arthritic former lift operator at Petrie's tennis club, will receive a stipend of $9,999.96. Mr Condolucci, 85, one of the few recipients to have met Petrie, said he had not seen him since 1958.

Petrie also remembered more famous figures, such as Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize-winning writer, and Teddy Kollek, the former Mayor of Jerusalem. They will each receive a lump sum of $100,000.

Taking a break from the usual litany of disaster and distress, the New York *Daily News* praised "Milt's Good Will" on its front page yesterday —"a story to warm the heart".

The son of Russian immigrants who started his business with a hosiery shop in Cleveland in the 1920s with $5,000 won in a dice game, Petrie accumulated more than 1,700 clothing shops throughout the country.

Despite his generosity to strangers, for which New York held a "Milton Petrie Day", to his business colleagues he was "notoriously tight-fisted", according to the *Daily News*. The bulk of his estate, estimated to be worth $940 million, was left to his widow and other relatives.

"If there was more folks like him in New York, we wouldn't need a lottery," Sal Strussman, a deli worker on 47th Street who was not mentioned in the will, muttered yesterday.

Leaked files 'show rail sale will pay for tax cut'

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday produced what it said were leaked confidential government papers to back its claim that the Government was rushing through the £6.5 billion privatisation of Railtrack to fund pre-election tax cuts. Details of the sale are expected to be announced today or tomorrow by *Dr Brian Mawhinney, the* Transport Secretary.

Michael Meacher, shadow Transport Secretary, produced copies of a memorandum from Dr Mawhinney to John Major that he said proved the Government was timing the sale for political ends. He also leaked a memorandum from Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to the Prime Minister that states the announcement will form an integral part of next week's Budget statement.

Some believe the sale of *Railtrack*, the company responsible for 11,000 miles of track, stations and signalling, could enable the Government to make a 3p income tax cut.

Mr Meacher said: "The manner in which this is being handled is in line with the recommendations John Maples, a deputy chairman of the Tory party, set out in his recent advice — priority should be given to legislation which helps to elect a Tory *Government*."

He added: "Railtrack's privatisation will produce the money for the tax-cut bribes in the first quarter of 1996 in time for the next general election.

"But the Government would do better to heed Mr Maples's advice about the unpopularity of privatisation. This is one which will surely bring them down."

Dr Mawhinney, in his note to the Prime Minister, said: "We have agreed, for internal planning purposes, our target date for the flotation should be *the first quarter of 1996, but* that our public stance should be only that Railtrack will be floated during the lifetime of *this parliament*."

In his note to Mr Major, Mr Clarke said: "I very much support Brian's desire now to *press on to make his* announcement of Railtrack's flotation during the life of this parliament.

"I also support the target, for internal planning purposes, of flotation in the first quarter of 1996. This announcement will serve as a vital element in reaffirming our commitment to the privatisation programme.

"It is also an integral part of the Budget arithmetic, so adherence to the timing Brian now proposes for the announcement is essential."

Mr Meacher said the timing of the sale of Railtrack would present futher problems for the sale of the train operating services. "There has not been a flicker of interest in the City yet and news that operators will be paying access charges to a private sector Railtrack is not going to help."

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Tunnel safety questioned

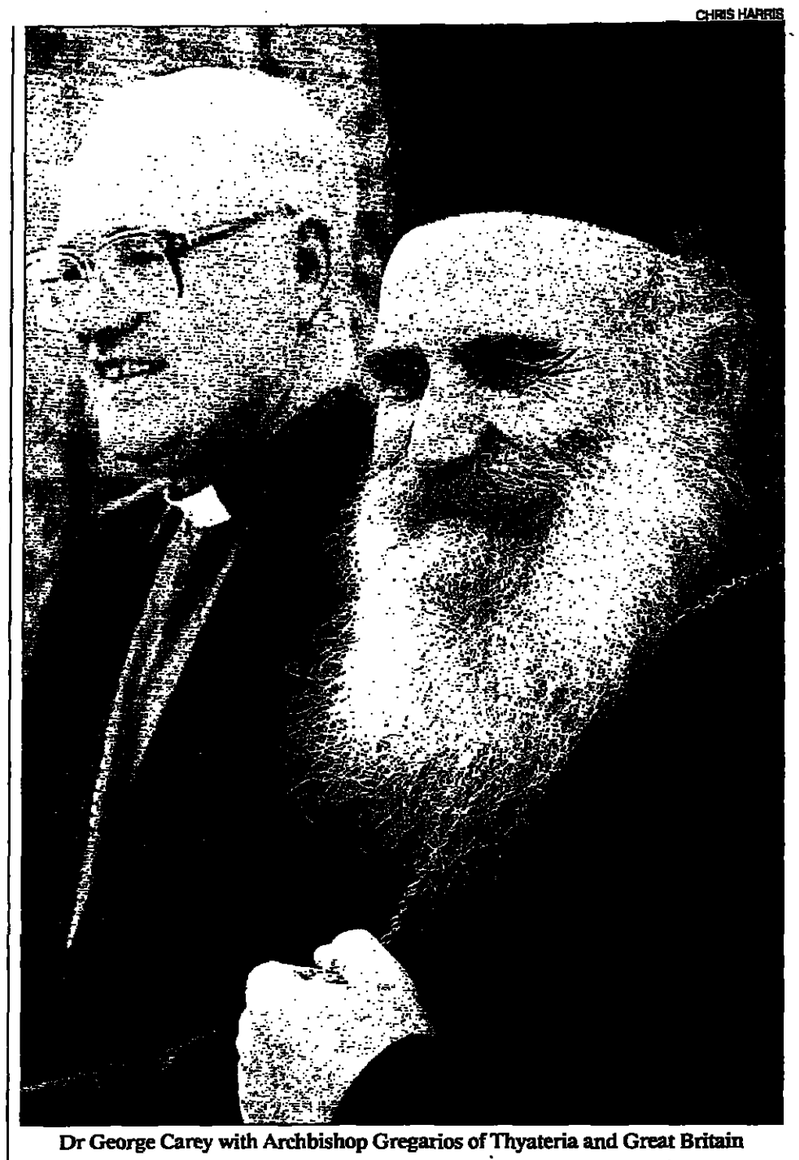
The Transport Secretary has been asked to give an assurance that the Channel Tunnel is not a "disaster waiting to happen" after an emergency evacuation exercise turned into a fiasco.

During the exercise in September, "casualties" had to wait for five hours before they were rescued and a back-up train did not have resuscitation equipment.

In a letter to Jeremy Beech, co-chairman of the joint Anglo-French Rescue and Public Safety Working Group, Mark Outhwaite, chief executive of East Kent Health Authority, calls for the whole subject of safety to be examined.

Paul Tyler, Liberal Democrat transport spokesman, said he would be writing to Dr Brian Mawhinney to demand assurances.

CHRIS HARRIS



Dr George Carey with Archbishop Gregarios of Thyateria and Great Britain

Carey says Budget must help homeless

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Archbishop of Canterbury called on the Government yesterday to help to fight the "great evil" of homelessness in next week's Budget. Dr George Carey said there was a need for more cheap rented housing for the vulnerable in society.

"The evidence from our church agencies is that there is a need to increase the programme of low-cost rented housing to meet the desperate needs of the most vulnerable in our society. I hope this priority will be reflected in the forthcoming Budget and in wider housing policies. Moreover, I trust that any review of the housing benefit system will have at its heart the aim of reducing, not reinforcing, social polarisation," he said.

The Archbishop was speaking at the London launch of an ecumenical handbook designed to help churches use land and property to provide cheap housing for the poor and homeless. In the past Dr Carey has called for a "moral crusade" against homelessness. But the guidebook published yesterday represents a change in Anglican practice, which has prohibited the Church from selling assets at a loss.

The Church of England, through the Charity Commissioners, handles commercial property worth £1.23 billion but recent controversy has surrounded the use of its portfolio.

Reynolds warns against election

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ALBERT Reynolds, the outgoing Irish Prime Minister, yesterday urged parties in the Dublin parliament to avoid a general election by negotiating a new coalition government.

He was speaking before the Dail was adjourned for a week to allow talks between the parties to try to establish another coalition after Labour's resignation from the government last week.

Mr Reynolds, who will remain in office until the Dail elects a new prime minister, said that a premature general election would not help the Northern Ireland peace initiative.

"It would be undesirable to have the peace process stalled on our side for the best part of two months while an election and post-election negotiations take place," he said. Bertie Ahern, who replaced Mr Reynolds as leader of Fianna Fail at the weekend, said that it was vital to maintain the momentum of the peace process.

Dick Spring, the Labour leader and former Deputy Prime Minister, fuelled speculation that he would have talks with Fianna Fail about resurrecting the coalition when he outlined a "Strategy for Renewal", which was seen as his price for re-joining the Government.

In a speech to a Labour party rally in Dublin on Monday night, he called for an all-party commission to improve accountability in the Dail and a commitment to ensure that Cabinet confidentiality could not override the public interest. He said that the new government would have to "confront hidebound and stereotyped attitudes in all these matters, but to do so with sensitivity and conviction".

Any negotiations between Labour and Fianna Fail are likely to be lengthy because Mr Spring will demand guarantees that he will be consulted on important issues. He walked out of the Cabinet after Mr Reynolds overrode his objections to Harry Whelehan's appointment as president of the High Court.

Gas chief 'considers options' on 75% rise

Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive who was awarded a 75 per cent increase, taking his pay to £475,000, hinted yesterday that the rise might be in doubt. Responding to a reporter's question outside his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, Mr Brown said: "I wish to consider my options." He would not comment further other than to say he would discuss the matter with colleagues and non-executive directors of the company. Mr Brown's rise triggered a political furore on Monday.

Meanwhile, a study released yesterday by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said that gas industry staff have seen their earnings rise by almost 43 per cent since 1990, well above the rest of the economy. While the *biggest increases have gone to top executives, the study said* that manual staff have received above-inflation rises.

MI5 'spied on Scargill'

Stella Rimington, the head of MI5, headed a government intelligence campaign against Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, a television programme will allege tonight. Mrs Rimington played a key role in "one of the most intense domestic spying operations", say a Channel 4 *Dispatches* documentary and a new book, *The Enemy Within*.

Air miss inquiry

An inquiry has begun into a near collision between two airliners carrying a total of 246 passengers which missed each other by just 200 feet as they approached Heathrow airport last Thursday. Air traffic controllers at West Drayton reported that a Lufthansa Airbus A320 almost collided with a *British Midland Boeing 737*.

Inmate total 'will soar'

Government predictions about the prison population are a gross underestimate, the Howard League penal reform group said yesterday. The league forecasts 70,000 to 90,000 prisoners in England and Wales by the year 2000, an increase of up to 80 per cent on today. Much of that will be fuelled by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, it said.

Jobless 'costing £14bn'

The Government said last night that unemployment was costing more than £14 billion but rejected introducing American-style workfare aimed at cutting the jobless total. Ann Widdecombe, Employment Minister, told the Commons' Employment Select Committee that the figure did not include some benefit effects or tax revenue losses.

Coastal wildlife threat

Oil and gas companies were given permission yesterday to develop more sites around Britain's coastline. They include important marine wildlife areas of the Wash, the Norfolk coast, Lyme Bay and Cardigan Bay. Wildlife groups, including Greenpeace, said the interests of oilmen were being put above those of seals, dolphins and sea birds.

Height of ambition

Rebecca Stevens, the first British woman to climb Everest, reached the summit of the Vinson Massif in Antarctica yesterday, to become the first British woman to complete the "seven summits" challenge. She has now climbed the highest mountain in each of the seven continents — only the third woman to accomplish the feat.

Lord Dickie slays the darling dinosaurs

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... healing a nation divided ... supremely tragic irony ... untold damage ... " It did at one point seem that Attenborough was on the point of bursting into tears.

He recovered himself for a final soliloquy. "The movies ... ", he declared, staring round at his audience of peers as though our revels now were ended, these our peers were all spirits and, like the baseless fabric of this vision, the cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, would shortly dissolve and leave not a rack behind ... "The movies are the mirror we hold up to ourselves".

It was stirring stuff. Following, as it did, a speech of staggering banality from the Archbishop of Canterbury, and an opinion about war crimes from Lord Campbell of Alloway which was so hog-whimperingly tedious that a normally tolerant Chamber of fellow-dozers sat up, astonished that anyone could be quite so boring, Lord Attenborough had little competition.

As his lordship resumed his seat, there were loud cries of "hear, hear". Nobody, so far as we could detect, actually *said* "darling, you were wonderful". Sadly, the Lord Chancellor did not kiss him.

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Marcus's detractors say he has failed to carry out.

The meeting of the Fresh Start group of MPs, who organised the year-long fight against the Maastricht Bill, decided to keep up the pressure on Mr Major over his ultimatum. Tomorrow they will challenge Tony Newton, the Commons Leader, over the propriety of the Prime Minister's decision to make the Bill a confidence matter. They will meet on the day of the debate and intend to table an amendment as a show of strength.

Some of those present last night said Mr Major was entering a "uniquely dangerous eight days". If he forced the measure through on Monday he could still create a backlash *that would result in* a leadership challenge before the deadline of November 30, the day after the Budget.

The resentment over Mr Major's threat was highlighted in the Commons earlier when Nicholas Budgen, MP for Wolverhampton South West, asked whether Mr Major had discussed the dissolution of Parliament with the Queen. He went on: "Will you further confirm that the Monarch has said to you that, in the event of you asking for a dissolution, it will be granted?" Mr Major refused to breach the confidentiality of his meetings with the Queen.

The 1922 contest, which takes place tomorrow, was unwanted by Mr Major and his ministers. It is further evidence of unrest on the Tory back benches. Sir Marcus said he would fight on his record and added: "I look forward to it. I always relish a fair fight."

Sir Nicholas denied that he was rocking the boat. His friends said he did not believe there would be a leadership challenge to Mr Major.

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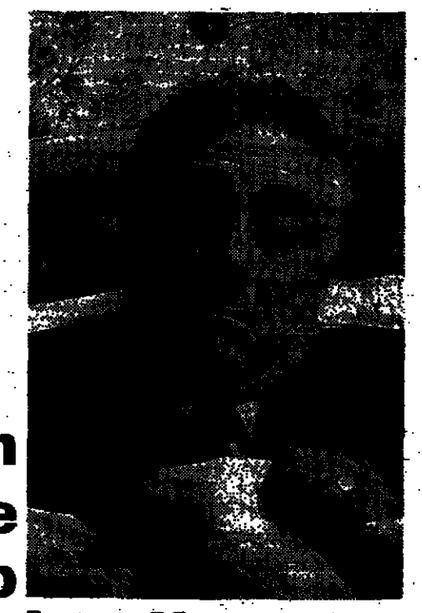
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Town seeks protection from one-boy crime wave

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE shopkeepers of a small town plagued by a one-boy crime wave are writing to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, demanding that he give the courts adequate powers to detain the 14-year-old.

The teenager has been arrested 80 times for 130 offences of burglary and criminal damage in Elland, West Yorkshire, which has a population of 18,000. He is being blamed for driving traders out of the town and causing insurance premiums to soar and for singlehandedly doubling Elland's recorded crime figures. Some insurance companies have refused to provide cover to businesses.

Yesterday, after he was ordered to attend a police-run attendance centre on Saturday afternoons for a maximum 24 hours, his unemployed father, aged 42, called for his son to be given more discipline and said he should have been detained years ago. "If it was up to me, I would have had him put away somewhere long ago, they should let the Army get involved and give them some discipline," he said.

The teenager had admitted a string of burglaries in Elland when he appeared at Calderdale Youth Court. The boy, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, smiled and yawned during the hearing.

Police said he had been arrested 88 times in the past six years and had been responsible for 130 offences including burglary, criminal damage and theft. He began by causing damage to a car and at the age of ten broke into a shop for the first time. In eight days in May he was arrested six times in connection with at least 12 alleged offences.

His mother, aged 36, said: "It got to a stage where the police were coming round every day and it drove us round the bend. All we saw were police stations and courts."

Once his father spent a night in prison because he owed a considerable amount of money and could not afford to pay his son's £37 fine. Under the existing law the boy cannot be detained within the penal system because he is under 15. Magistrates could have given him a supervision order with a requirement that he live in a local authority children's home but they decided he should go to an attendance centre on Saturdays.

The youth would be a prime candidate to be sent to secure training centres for persistent juvenile offenders, which are to be set up by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. However, they are unlikely to take their first offenders until late next year.

This this is too slow for Elland League of Trade, Industry and Commerce. In a letter to Mr Howard, it demanded he took urgent action and warned him that the youth's behaviour threatend the future of the town where the Government invested £8 million in a business park.

They said: "Unfortunately the problem facing our small town falls into the category of a one-man crime wave, carried out by a juvenile who is only too aware of the limitations of the current legal system and the protection it offers him."

Jackie Rourke, the league chairman, said her company, Prime Creative, moved from Elland a year ago after five break-ins by the boy. "It was wanton damage such as kicking in windows. We could not afford to remain in Elland and finally we were refused cover for some of our equipment."

She added: "He doesn't show remorse and we need a solution of any kind to protect our town. We are so desperate we have even discussed having closed circuit television cameras just to try to stop this one schoolboy."

Detective Sergeant Ian Routledge said: "He is a mini-crime wave. He will break into premises and steal a tin of pop or a packet of crisps and cause a considerable amount of damage."



Major Kennedy, left, who denies assaulting fellow Para Major Carruthers, was cited 11 times in a book about the battle for Goose Green

Army major 'envied record of Falklands hero and falsely accused him of assault'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PARACHUTE Regiment major made false accusations against a brother officer because he was envious of his distinguished record during the Falklands War and resented his rise through the service from the rank of private, a court martial was told yesterday.

Major Graham Carruthers, who was allegedly punched repeatedly by Major Peter Kennedy, resented his colleague's conspicuous bravery, it was claimed. On one occasion he had allegedly referred to the defendant as "an un-officer-like thug".

The hearing in Aldershot, Hampshire, was told how trouble between the two members of 3 Para flared into violence after a dispute over tactics and safety during a mock battle in Kenya in March this year.

James Mason, defending Major Kennedy, said Major Carruthers had never seen active combat in his 24-year career and was jealous of the success of Major Kennedy, who was only a young lieutenant when he took a leading role in the Falklands battle of Goose Green. In *Goose Green — A Battle Is Fought To Be Won*, an account by Mark Adkin, Major Kennedy was mentioned 11 times.

Mr Mason said: "Major Kennedy was very highly respected by his men and his senior officers. You found that rather galling. The further problem that you had is that you knew you were dealing with Major Kennedy, a real-live hero in battle."

On Monday, the court was told that Major Kennedy attacked Major Carruthers and that they had to be pulled apart by colleagues. The alleged fight was during a de-briefing, when Major Carruthers, who was supervising the exercises, spoke to Major Kennedy, a company commander, who denies assault causing actual bodily harm and common assault. Major Carruthers told the court martial that Major Kennedy punched him repeatedly when he tried to make comments about tactics.

Mr Mason further alleged yesterday that Major Carruthers had not carried out safety procedures properly during the exercise and was worried that Major Kennedy would report him to senior officers — possibly damaging his career.

A sergeant was slightly injured on a live-firing exercise just before the alleged assault, and Mr Mason said that Major Kennedy did not believe Major Carruthers had properly investigated the incident.

"You were looking for a way, either by winding him up or by making false allegations, to get him out of Kenya or out of the regiment. Certainly to date you have succeeded in both. He was sent home almost immediately after the incident and he has been relieved of his command," Mr Mason said.

Major Carruthers denied he was jealous of his colleague's war record. Earlier, he had told the court martial that he was punched repeatedly by his fellow officer when he tried to comment on the tactics of Major Kennedy's company. However, he admitted breaking the Army's "golden rule" when he grabbed Major Kennedy at the end of the de-briefing.

He told the court martial that he realised he had made a mistake but had held on to his brother officer's arm because he had turned away as he was speaking to him.

Major Carruthers denied suggestions that his black eye had been caused when Major Kennedy lost his balance and knocked into him.

The hearing continues.

Gang war schoolboy killed youth with bayonet

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER was stabbed to death with a bayonet after being caught up in a battle between two gangs from rival schools, Sheffield Crown Court was told yesterday. Grant Jackson, 17, had gone to a park to meet his girlfriend when he was set upon by a group of youths.

The ringleader of one gang, who was 14 at the time, is accused of stabbing him three times with the 2ft weapon. One blow pierced his lung. The alleged killer, who is too young to be named, later boasted of what he had done, Michael Murphy, QC, for the prosecution, told the court. The boy, now 16, denies murder. The prosecution refuses to accept his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Mr Murphy said gang leaders arranged the showdown in April last year after two pupils at one school were attacked. Almost 100 teenagers, some wearing commando-style masks and armed with knives, iron bars and sticks, faced one another in Endcliffe Park. One gang came from High Storrs School, the other from Nôtre Dame School.

Jackson, a former High Storrs pupil, was meeting his girlfriend but as he looked for her he ran into the gang from Nôtre Dame. Mr Murphy said: "He was set upon by six or seven youths. They forced him to the ground and when he was totally defenceless he was kicked and beaten. It was as if a pack of dogs had caught its prey.

"As the group was kicking and punching the young man, the 14-year-old shouted 'stand back and watch this'. In his hand he had the bayonet. He brought it down and stabbed Mr Jackson three times."

Police later found the bayonet in a bag under the youth's bed. He claimed he was keeping it for a friend.

Several hours earlier he was seen sharpening the weapon and told a friend: "This needs sharpening because it won't do no damage like this. Nobody uses fists these days, they are out of fashion."

The trial continues.

Doctor guilty of murdering wife

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DOCTOR was jailed for life yesterday for the murder of his wife whose body has never been found. A jury accepted that he had killed her and then butchered and burnt the body so he could live with his mistress and their young son.

Hasan Shatanawi, 47, tried to cover up the disappearance of his wife Laura, by whom he had a son, saying she had gone on holiday to celebrate the completion of examinations. Scientists used a DNA testing process for the first time to show that blood and hair found in an allotment shed owned by the Jordanian-born doctor came from his wife.

He had bought the shed soon after she disappeared and believed he had covered his tracks by asking a friend to burn it a few days later. But the friend sold it and scientists were able to take samples that were scanned with lasers.

Mr Justice Jowitt told Shatanawi: "The jury has convicted you of the cold-blooded and calculated murder of your wife. You had the shed erected for this evil purpose and then disposed of her body in some place no one knows. You have deprived your own son of his mother."

After the hearing the father of the dead woman called on Shatanawi to disclose what had happened to her. Donald Vaughan, 64, a retired steelworker, said: "My nine-year-old grandson Rashid keeps asking to see his mum's grave, so he can put flowers on it. We all need to know where Laura's body is.



Laura Shatanawi: her body is still missing

"I am relieved at the verdict but I am not happy. Everyone in our family has lost something as a result of what has happened to Laura. I have lost a daughter, my grandson has lost his mother and his father."

It took jurors at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court nine hours, including an overnight stay in a hotel, to reach their verdict. Shatanawi, from Hartlepool, Cleveland, looked shocked as they announced their decision. He had denied the murder of his wife, aged 37, between June 15 and July 9 last year.

The had met in Egypt in 1983 while he was studying medicine at Cairo University. They married there in 1985, moving to Britain in 1986 after their son was born. The marriage began to founder in 1988.

Angela Pounder, his mistress, told the court she had no idea Shatanawi was married. He had told her he was staying in single accommodation at Newcastle General Hospital while he studied as a doctor. In reality, he had become a property developer.



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Terminally ill Lock fails to halt trial

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

TONY LOCK, the former England cricketer, yesterday failed to stop his trial in Australia on child sex charges on the ground that he is dying of lung cancer.

The former Test bowler, whom doctors say has less than two years to live, has pleaded not guilty to four charges of indecently assaulting a 10-year-old girl at his home in Perth in 1980 and 1981.

His lawyer told the court it would offend common humanity to force him to stand trial, but Geoff Lawrence, for the prosecution, argued that Mr Lock, 64, was still capable of instructing his lawyers, understanding the proceedings and giving evidence. Sympathy and mercy did not apply in the case, he insisted. "It's all part of the human condition. We're all subject to the vagaries of death."

Judge Des Heenan rejected an application for a permanent stay and ordered Mr Lock to appear for trial on December 21.

Bookkeeper accused of £6.5m theft at bank

BY A STAFF REPORTER

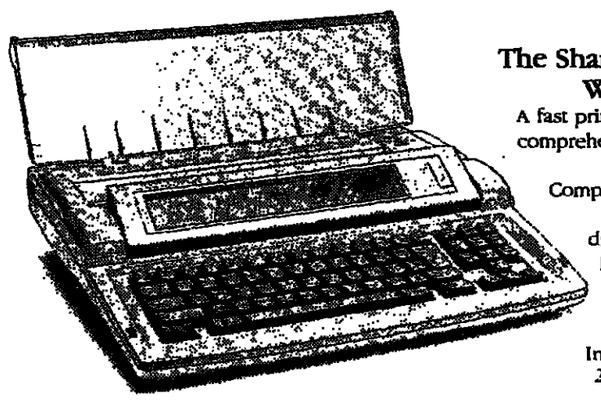
A BOOKKEEPER helped steal more than £6.5 million from the merchant bank where he worked, a court was told yesterday. Alexander Darlow, who allegedly confessed to betraying his employers for the promise of £1.5 million, helped to forge a series of "vital" documents to hoodwink bank officials, it was claimed.

He was caught out by a taped phone conversation and a computer that apparently insisted on storing incriminating evidence, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Simon Wild, for the prosecution, said Mr Darlow, 28, of Belvedere, southeast London, who denies stealing the money, worked for Salomon Brothers, a City-based dealer in government gilts.

Mr Wild said the defendant had confessed to police and claimed three other people were involved. "He said his reward was going to be £1.5 million. That is what this case is all about," he added. The trial continues.

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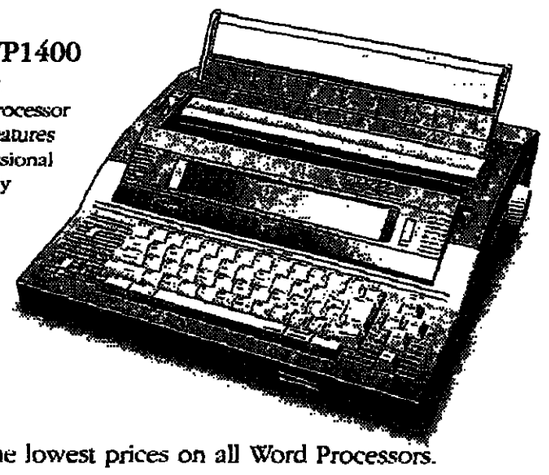


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Parishioner wanted priest sacked for 'living in sin'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A BORN-AGAIN Christian explained yesterday why she pressed for her twice-divorced Anglican priest to be sacked because his love life was "setting a bad spiritual example".

Carole Knights said she wrote to the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott, about the Rev Kit Chalcraft after he appeared to be living with a woman parishioner despite a previous assurance that he would live alone at his rectory in Gooderstone, near Swaffham, Norfolk.

Her letter led to an investigation by the bishop, who last week told the priest-in-charge that his licence for the ten Hilborough parishes near Swaffham would be withdrawn from next February



Judi Knights: supports mother's moral line

because his private life was incompatible with "the Christian ideal of marriage".

Mrs Knights, a mother of three, said yesterday she objected to the fact that Mr Chalcraft, 57, was living with Suzanne Hall, a former television presenter, without being married. The bishop decided to withdraw Mr Chalcraft's licence because the priest stated his intention to marry for a third time.

The case adds more pressure to the Church of England to clarify its stance on marriage. According to a book published yesterday, *Holy Matrimony?*, clergy who preach the sanctity of marriage often face impossible pressures in their own relationships. It says more clergy marriages than ever are breaking down under the pressures of long hours, social isolation and unrealistic expectations.

Mr Chalcraft, who was ordained in 1967, fathered four children before his first marriage ended in divorce in 1987. His second marriage ended in 1992. On each occasion, his wife left him. Churchwardens and villagers are campaigning for his reinstatement and insist he was not to blame for the failure of his earlier marriages.

But Mrs Knights, who became a born-again Christian three years ago, said: "As a priest he should be there to guide and lead us spiritually. We are all weak and do things we should not, but with a priest you should expect especially high standards.

"People began to say they weren't happy with the relationship. They felt that it was not a good thing for a vicar to be living with someone he wasn't married to. I feel terribly sad for him. I don't know the circumstances. It is a dreadful thing and I can quite see that he must have suffered terribly. I wish I had never had to send the letter, although I stand by everything I said."

Mrs Knights, who is supported in her action by her daughter Judi, continued: "I pointed out various scriptures and just pleaded that he could see his way to living in the rectory. I tried everything. I showed him the letter and didn't send it for a week. But in the end there was nothing to do but send the letter to the bishop. I'm certainly not alone. I believe others have sent letters as well."

Mr Chalcraft was not available for comment yesterday but Elizabeth Griffin, a churchwarden's widow, said: "There is just a small but very vociferous minority of people who do not approve of his relationship with Mrs Hall ... We feel a great injustice is being done. He is an extremely good and dedicated parish priest. He goes out of his way to bring comfort to people in distress."

Sculptor who casts own body wins prize

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE £20,000 Turner Prize was won last night by Antony Gormley, a figurative sculptor who casts his own body into works of art, redefining the art of self-portraiture.

Mr Gormley, 44, who trained at the Central School of Art and Goldsmiths' College, takes sculpture beyond the traditions of modelling and carving. In 1981, with his wife's help, he began taking moulds from his body. He sees his body as "the channel through which all impressions of the world come. I want to use it as the vehicle to carry feeling back into the world."

The Turner Prize is awarded to a British artist under 50 for outstanding work during the year. Mr Gormley was chosen for works such as *Field*, a sea of 40,000 hand-sized clay figurines, and *Testing a World View*, in which five identical iron figures were shaped into awkward positions. The prize,



Antony Gormley with part of *Testing a World View*, one of the works that won him the £20,000 Turner Prize

sponsored by Channel 4, was presented by the art collector Charles Saatchi at a Tate Gallery reception.

After the controversy of last year's competition, with Rachel Whiteread's concrete-filled house and Vong Phaophanit's seven tonnes of rice, the 1994 event was viewed by many as an anti-climax. The winner has not escaped controversy, however. Mr Gormley's 1988 work, a bed created from 6,000 slices of bread, was condemned as an insult to the world's starving; and he divided the people of Leeds with his plans for a 120ft brick man in the city centre.

This year's runners-up were Willie Doherty, 35, a photographer and video artist who addresses issues in Northern Ireland, Peter Doig, 35, a figurative artist inspired by the Canadian landscape, and Shirazeh Houshiary, an Iranian-born artist who draws on Islamic mysticism.

BBC reigns supreme at Emmy ceremony

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC Television won five of the six programme prizes at the International Emmy Awards in New York.

Absolutely Fabulous, the comedy starring Joanna Lumley and Jennifer Saunders, shared the award for popular arts programmes with *Red Dwarf*, BBC2's science fiction fantasy. Sir David Attenborough's natural history series about the Antarctic, *Life in the Freezer*, was named best documentary and *The Bullion Boys*, a drama featuring David Jason, took the drama award. BBC2's production of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* won the performing arts prize. The BBC now holds the record for the number of International Emmys won in a year.

Channel 4 received a special International Emmy for its Film on Four series, which included *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Howards End* and *The Crying Game*. The results were announced by Sir Peter Ustinov at a ceremony on Monday evening.

A priceless penny drops for £25,000

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A LONDON collector paid a record £25,300 for a penny yesterday, the highest amount yet tendered for a British bronze coin.

For nearly four decades, until decimalisation introduced the new penny in 1971, much of the population dived down the back of sofas and turned out drawers in search of King George V's profile with the magic date 1933 on the reverse.



Only a tiny number of 1933 pennies exist

The holy grail of British coin collectors was bought at a Spink's auction on behalf of David Hargreaves, a London mining consultant, who is building a collection of pennies from 1860 to 1967, and has been searching for this particular prize since 1948. The price slightly exceeded the estimate of £22,000 to £24,000. The previous record for a British penny was £15,000, paid in 1985 for a coin of identical stamp. Only seven 1933 pennies are known to exist. Five of those accounted for are in the British Museum, the Royal Mint Museum, the University of London and in two private collections.

The sixth was buried with the foundation stone of the *Church of St Cross at Middleton*, Leeds, but was later stolen. The seventh was in the collection of Emery May Norweb, of Ohio, a noted American collector who died in 1984; it was the Norweb penny that sold yesterday.

The rarity of the 1933 coin is the result of a surfeit of pennies at that time. Only a tiny number was struck for commemorative purposes.

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Welsh Office finds secure bed for man

A MENTALLY ill man has been ordered to be detained at a secure hospital after a judge demanded the Welsh Office find him a bed.

Judge Prosser, QC, ordered the Welsh Office to appear before him last Tuesday and gave it seven days to find a bed in a secure hospital for Bertram Thomas, 36, of Newport, whom the judge has been waiting for months to sentence for burglary and theft.

Yesterday Barry Wilcox, a Welsh Office official, told the judge at Newport Crown Court that a bed was found for Thomas on Monday at a hospital in Ealing, west London. Thomas was ordered to be detained without any fixed term at the hospital. The judge repeated a call for further secure beds.



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Minister wary of ending rabies quarantine control

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is reacting with caution to a report released today that claims quarantine controls are no longer needed to protect Britain against rabies.

An all-party committee of MPs proposes that quarantine should be replaced with vaccination and blood tests for pet dogs and cats imported from the European Union and other countries internationally recognised as being free of rabies. William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, said he would study the proposals carefully, but added: "I should strike a note of caution that anybody recommending changes to the quarantine controls would have to demonstrate that the alternatives were effective and offered at least as much protection as the present system."

In a much more positive response, the Department of Health said: "We consider that a system based on vaccination and blood tests would be as effective as quarantine." The RSPCA also gave the report a "cautious welcome", but veterinary surgeons said they saw no reason to abandon a "tried and tested policy prematurely in favour of one that is fraught with difficulties". Paul DeVile, president of the British Veterinary Association, said: "We do not want to see any change to the status quo until rabies has been eradicated from the rest of Europe."

The MPs say that modern vaccines offer a much cheaper but just as effective protection against rabies as quarantine, and that in the developed world the threat to human life from rabies is tiny. They add that the cost and trauma of quarantine encourages the smuggling of animals.



Sir Jerry: "We erred on side of caution"

Sir Jerry Wiggin, the Tory chairman of the Agriculture Select Committee, which produced the report, said: "If anything we have erred on the side of caution. Once rabies has been eradicated from Europe, which is likely to happen within the next few years, there will be no reason to have any controls, not even vaccination, for animals from approved countries." Britain and Ireland are the only countries in Europe that have quarantine for rabies. Most animals entering Britain other than farm livestock have to be kept in isolation in government-licensed kennels for six months.

About 9,000 dogs and cats go into quarantine each year at a cost to the owner of up to £1,500 an animal. Holidaymakers spend another £200 million a year putting their pets into kennels.

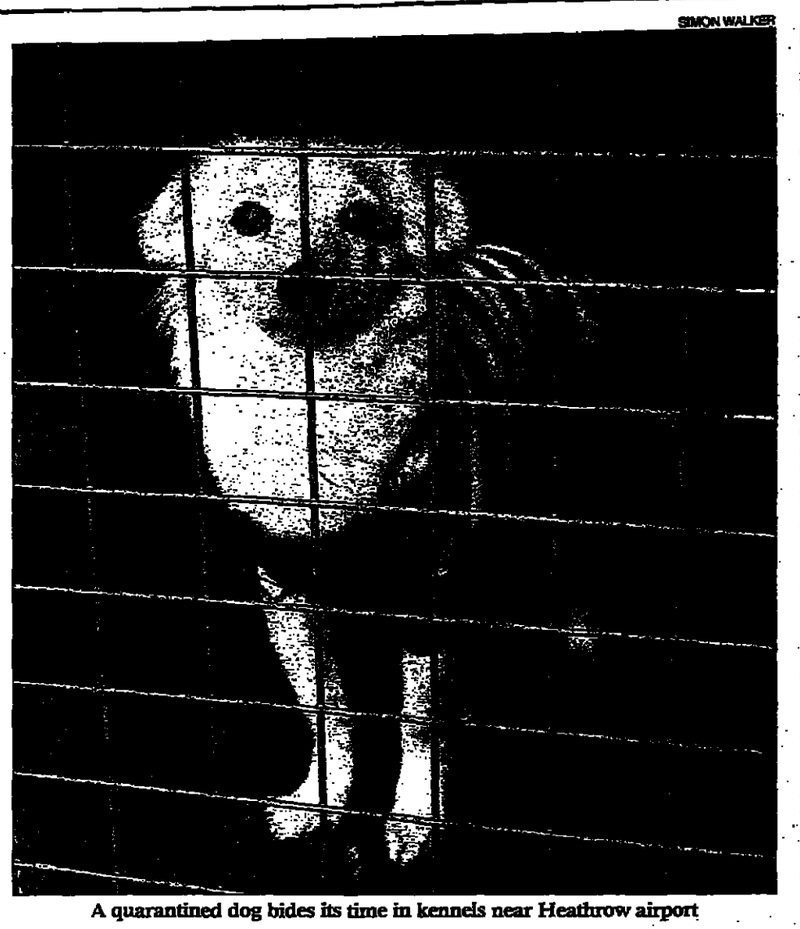
Guy Tamplin, chairman of the Quarantine Kennel Owners' Association, said: "The quarantine business is worth about £9 million a year and we would certainly expect compensation if quarantine were scrapped." The Commons report says licensed kennel operators should be given public grants to leave the industry or to convert their premises.

The MPs propose that imported pet dogs and cats should no longer need quarantine if they have been vaccinated against rabies at the age of three months or older and been blood-tested four months later to confirm the vaccine has taken.

In addition, the animals would have to be microchipped or tattooed with an identifying number, and the owners would have to obtain an import licence from the Ministry of Agriculture. Each animal would have a passport containing its vaccination record.

The MPs envisage that pets moved regularly about Europe would need an annual booster dose after the initial vaccination but would need to be blood-tested only every two or three years thereafter.

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A quarantined dog bides its time in kennels near Heathrow airport

☐ **Rabies, or hydrophobia, is a fatal viral infection of the nervous system normally passed from animal to man by a bite.**

☐ **Incubation is usually six to eight weeks but can be as short as ten days or as long as two years.**

☐ **Symptoms include an irrational fear of water. Victims also have difficulty breathing.**

☐ **Death from exhaustion follows within four days of onset of symptoms. The disease can be prevented by a three-month course of anti-rabies injections started immediately after exposure.**

☐ **The last death from locally contracted rabies in what is now the European Union happened in France in 1928.**

☐ **Britain has imposed six months' quarantine for rabies since 1901.**

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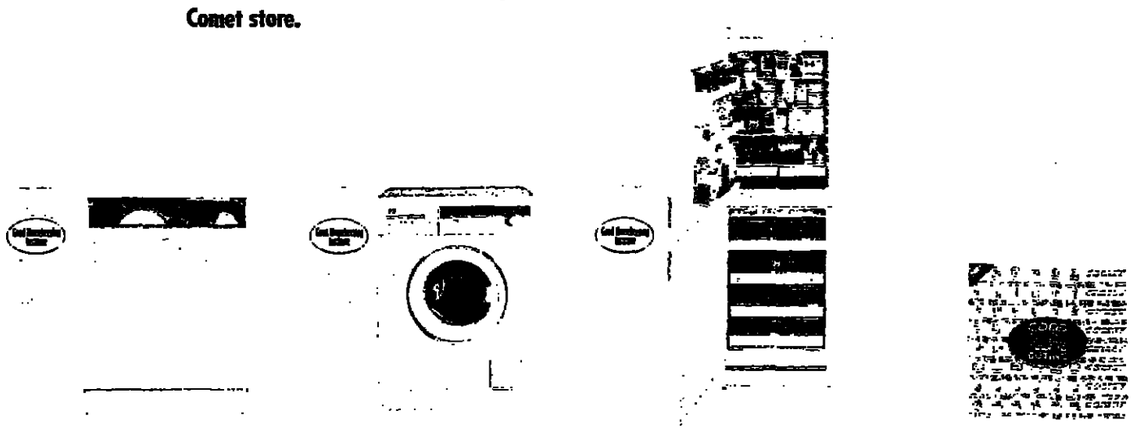
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BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

North apologised as he put dummy down. He knew he was too good simply to raise his partner to game, but it was an unfamiliar partnership and he decided to go for the safe plus score. South won the diamond lead, cashed the king and queen of clubs and played a spade. West won the ace of spades and, with little else to hope for, switched to a heart. East cashed the ace and returned the queen. When this held, he got off play with a club and declarer had to concede one down.

At the end of the hand South commented that it was unlucky that the hands fitted so badly. North agreed that it was unlucky but pointed out that, on a non-heart lead, the contract was cold. Declarer should win the diamond lead, cash the king of clubs, overtake the queen of clubs with the ace, ruff a club and only then play a spade.

West must win and can play a heart but the defenders can only take two heart tricks before East has to concede a ruff and discard. Holding the queen of clubs had a distracting effect — had South held king-small of clubs the successful line would have been easier to spot.

Premier league

Britain's top players have the opportunity to compete in their own Premier League, thanks to an initiative by the British Bridge League. The league winners will represent Great Britain in the 1996 European Community Championships and, if a sponsor can be found, will be the British representatives for the Rosenblum Cup.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tradition lives

The King's Gambit is one of the most revered and ancient openings in chess. It also has the reputation for creating dashing sacrificial attacks, and was a favourite in the 19th century. In the Cafe Baroque international tournament, taking place in Covent Garden, London, international master Neil McDonald revived the opening's fortunes with a crushing win against New Zealand's Russell Dive.

White: McDonald
Black: Dive
Café Baroque, 1994

King's Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	f4	exf4
3	Nf3	h5
4	d4	g5
5	Bc4	h4
6	0-0	Nh6
7	Nxg5	Qxg5
8	Bxf4	Qg4
9	Bd7+	Kd8
10	Qxg4	Nxg4
11	h3	Nh6
12	Be5	Nxf7
13	Bxh8	Ke8
14	Bf6	b6
15	Nc3	Bb7
16	Nd5	Bd6
17	Bxh4	Bxd5
18	exd5	Na6
19	Rf5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

Black is defenceless against Re1+ followed by Re1, winning the knight on f7.

Immortal game

Interestingly, McDonald's victory with the King's Gambit was played just 100 yards from Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the chess Mecca of 19th century London.

In 1851, the most brilliant game ever produced with the King's Gambit was played at Simpson's. Its coruscating series of concluding sacrifices, including that of white's queen and two rooks, leads to a sensational checkmate.

White: Anderssen
Black: Kieseritzky
'Immortal Game', London 1851

King's Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	f4	exf4
3	Bc4	Qh4+
4	Kf1	b5
5	Bxb5	Nf6
6	Nf3	Qh6
7	d3	Nh5
8	Nh4	Qg5
9	Nf5	c6
10	g4	Nf6
11	Rg1	cxb5
12	h4	Qg6
13	h5	Qg5
14	Qf3	Ng8
15	Bxf4	Qf6
16	Nc3	Bc5
17	Nd5	Qxb2
18	Bd6	Bxg1
19	Ke2	Bxg1
20	e5	Na6
21	Nxg7+	Kd8
22	Qf8+	Nxf8
23	Be7	mate

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Sheriff who slumbered in court loses appeal over dismissal

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND'S most outspoken sheriff, who fell asleep in court and once said that he would turn to crime for £100,000, lost his appeal for reinstatement yesterday. Sheriff Ewen Stewart, who was sacked after making a series of controversial remarks, is the first sheriff to be successfully dismissed by a Scottish Secretary in 17 years.

An investigation into the sheriff's conduct by two of Scotland's most senior judges said that Mr Stewart, 68, who had been a sheriff for 30 years in the Highlands and Islands, fell asleep while taking evidence and made improper threats to witnesses.

He was well known in the Highlands for his colourful remarks. He once told an estate owner: "Sheep are like Chinamen. They all look the same but they have different personalities." He accused the majority of the young men in the Highland town of Brora of being "rotten loud-mouthed drunks". He told one defendant: "I'm amazed you have reached the age of 33 in Brora and not been in court before."

Mr Stewart was also criticised by the Sheriff Principal, Ronald Bennett, QC, for interrupting witnesses 100 times in one day during a civil case in Stornoway and allegedly giving clear indications of which side should win before hearing all the evidence.

Other behaviour thatprompted complaints from the public and concern from MPs of all parties included allegedly having lunch with the accused during one trial. A remark by Mr Stewart during a case in 1976 that "everyone had their price" and that he himself would consider turning to crime for £100,000, caused an outcry.

Mr Stewart challenged his sacking in a judicial review before Lord Cullen at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. He conducted his own case. Yesterday Lord Cullen said he was satisfied that the original investigation into Mr Stewart's conduct was fair. The court heard that the investigation carried out by the Lord President, Lord Hope, and the Lord Justice-Clerk, Lord Ross, was the third time that Mr Stewart's fitness for office had come under scrutiny.

The Hope-Ross investigation looked at 18 cases involving the sheriff between 1984 and 1991. The senior judges found that Mr Stewart had "an underlying defect in character" and was unable to confine his attention to the evidence before him.

They said: "He carries with him to the bench a wealth of private knowledge culled from various sources, which he employs with no sense of self-restraint, whenever he likes to decide cases in his own way irrespective of issues which he has been asked to decide. These symptoms of his character defect are liable to create injustice and in any event to result in unacceptable delays in the progress of litigation."



Sheriff Ewen Stewart: 100 interruptions



Roisterers in the cloisters: a contemporary engraving of 16th-century monastic life, in which the pleasures of the table were fully indulged

Skinful a day helped monks rest and pray

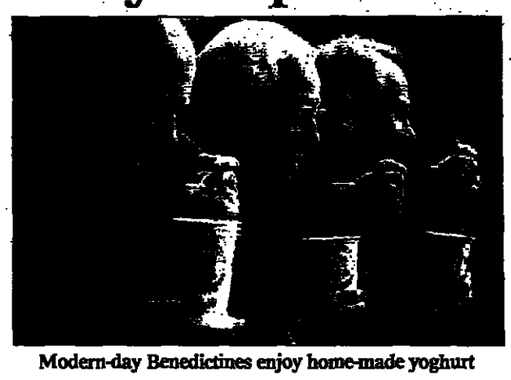
BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN'S monks once went to their prayers fortified by meals of heroic size and a gallon of ale a day, an Oxford historian has revealed.

The Benedictines of 16th-century London had a food and drink allowance that amounted to a colossal 7,375 calories a day, two and a half times what today's active man would need. When lunch came, their platters groaned under three pounds of meat.

Barbara Harvey, emeritus fellow of Somerville College, gathered the dietary data from kitcheners' records of the Benedictine monks at Westminster Abbey. Her book, *Living and Dying in England 1100-1540: the Monastic Experience*, is soon to come out in paperback.

The kitchener was the monk in charge of the menus. His records, she says, might show that the monks ate six shoulders of mutton at one meal. From that, the number of monks, and the size of medieval sheep — which archaeologists can estimate from the size of their bones — she can work out the individual meat ration.



Modern-day Benedictines enjoy home-made yoghurt

"It's very conjectural," she admits, "but it's clear that they ate a good deal more than the modern active man does. They were also allowed an ale ration of a gallon a day, and on the 60 feast days every year, a litre of wine as well."

Such figures leave government guidelines on healthy eating and drinking gasping in their wake. If the monks really did drink as much as this, a full 20 per cent of their calories came from alcohol, compared with only 5 per cent in the average male diet today.

Vegetables formed a relatively minor part of the monks' diet and are harder to track because the records show only what they bought, not what they grew themselves. Miss Harvey believes that they ate beans, peas and leeks, but probably had a less healthy diet, in modern terms, than the working men of the day who were forced to supplement their meat with more vegetables.

Today's monks say that their diet is nothing like that of their predecessors. "Oh, absolutely not," said Father David Pearce, Prior of Ealing Abbey. "We eat quite modestly, usually just a snack at lunch and a main meal in the evening." Yesterday the monks at Ealing had chilli con carne for lunch, a dish unknown in medieval London.

Gluttony is also foreign to the Benedictines at Ampleforth, whose eating is contracted out to the catering company Gardner Merchant. Monks and boys at the school eat the same fare, provided at a cost of £2.20 a day, which does not leave much room to over-indulge.

Miss Harvey is reluctant to condemn the medieval monks, absorbed as they were in food. "During Lent and Advent they ate no meat at all," she says. Were they obese, like the legendary Friar Tuck? "They must have been, sometimes," she says. "But they lived in unheated buildings that must have been very cold indeed, so they needed some protection."

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Cut-price rivals reduce lawyers' profits

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MANY solicitors are facing a threat to their traditional sources of income from rivals offering cut-price conveyancing and people writing their own wills, the Law Society said yesterday.

In 1994, the level of fees charged for conveyancing remained low with 70 per cent of homebuyers paying less than £300 (excluding VAT and disbursements), according to the society's annual statistical report.

It also says that more people are doing their own wills, and more grants of probate are being made on personal application rather than by a solicitor. In 1994, 31 per cent of adults made a will. Of those wills, 74 per cent were drawn up with the help of a solicitor but 15 per cent were drawn up without any professional help and 5 per cent were done with help from a bank.

In spite of the competition, solicitors have ridden out the recession with no drop in the number of firms and a national turnover that rose faster than the economy as a whole. In 1994 there were 8,524 firms in England and Wales earning at least £15,000, a rise of 5 per cent on 1993. But the number of sole practitioners, 25 per cent of whom earned gross fees of less than £43,000 last year, has grown by 31 per cent since 1985.

In general, firms' turnover has been preserved but not profitability. In the financial year 1992-93, that latest for which these figures are available, the total turnover from private practice law firms was £6,426 million, a rise of 3.3 per cent on the year before. But inflation meant that many firms suffered a cut in profits.

The average level of gross fees per fee-earner in 1992-93 ranged from £62,000 in sole practitioner firms to £136,000 in the 106 firms with 26 or more partners. Small firms are doing less well: on average, firms with two to four partners generated £67,000 per fee-earner as against £73,000 in those with 5-10 partner firm and £81,000 in those with 11 to 25 partners.

Steroid patients to claim compensation

AT LEAST a thousand people are expected to claim damages after being overprescribed steroids for conditions ranging from asthma to skin problems, a television programme claims tonight.

The drug is blamed for violent mood swings, convulsions, impaired vision, heart failure, muscle wasting and diabetes when prescribed in excessive quantities for long periods (Jeremy Laurance writes). A solicitor representing hundreds of alleged victims predicted that the litigation could be the largest civil damages case in Britain.

Interviewed on the BBC1 programme *Here and Now*, Terry Lee says: "The common complaint from victims is that the doctor never warned of the catastrophic side-effects and as a result I believe thousands of people have had their lives wrecked." Between five and eight million people in Britain take corticosteroids to treat conditions such as arthritis and blood disorders. Dr Joe Collier, a pharmacology specialist at St George's Hospital in Tooting, south London, and editor of *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, says: "What is not acceptable is the use of these very potent drugs by people who don't know their business."

Year-long hospital delays fall by 4.7%

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

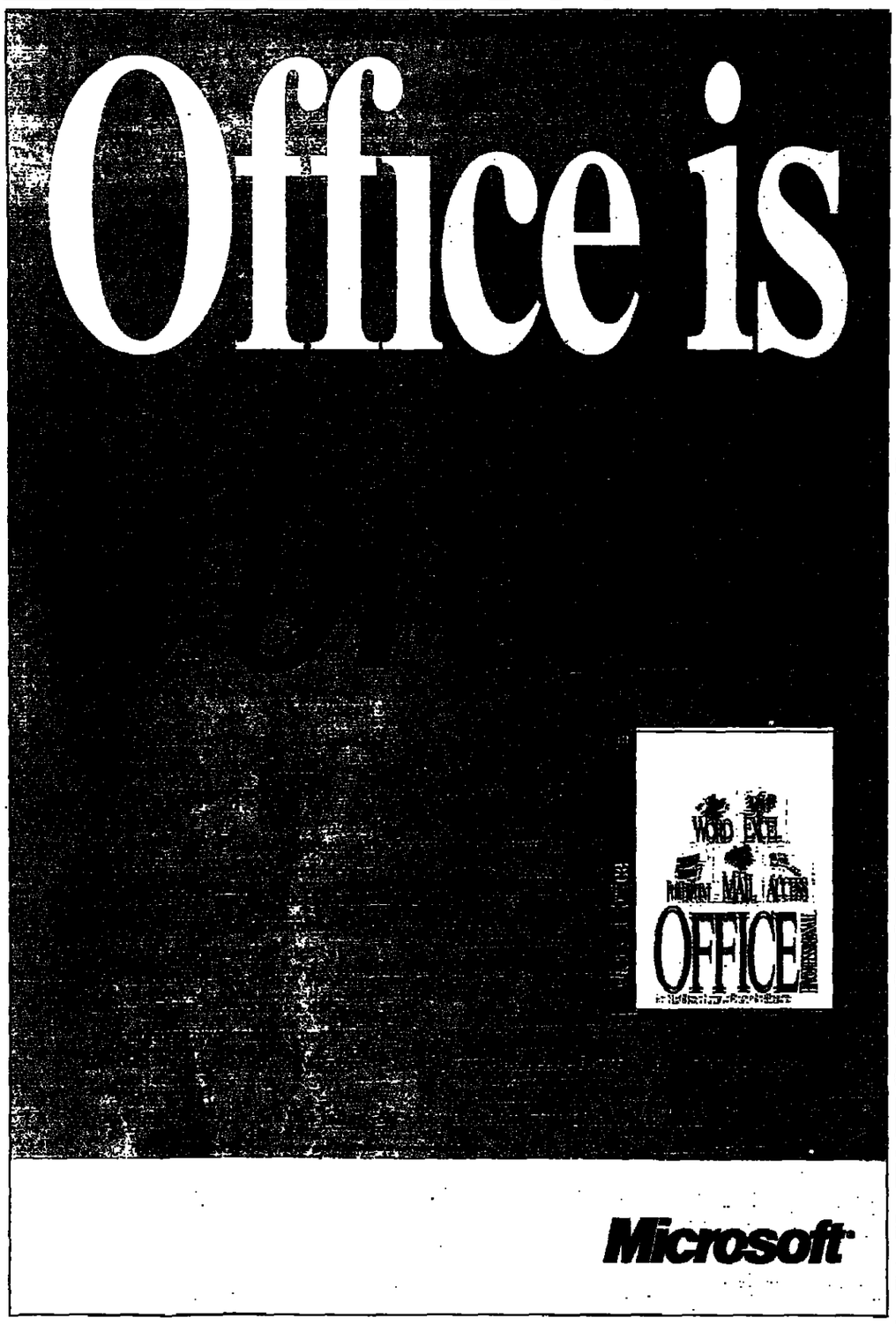
THE number of people waiting more than a year for NHS treatment fell by 4.7 per cent between June and September this year, according to figures published yesterday by the Health Department.

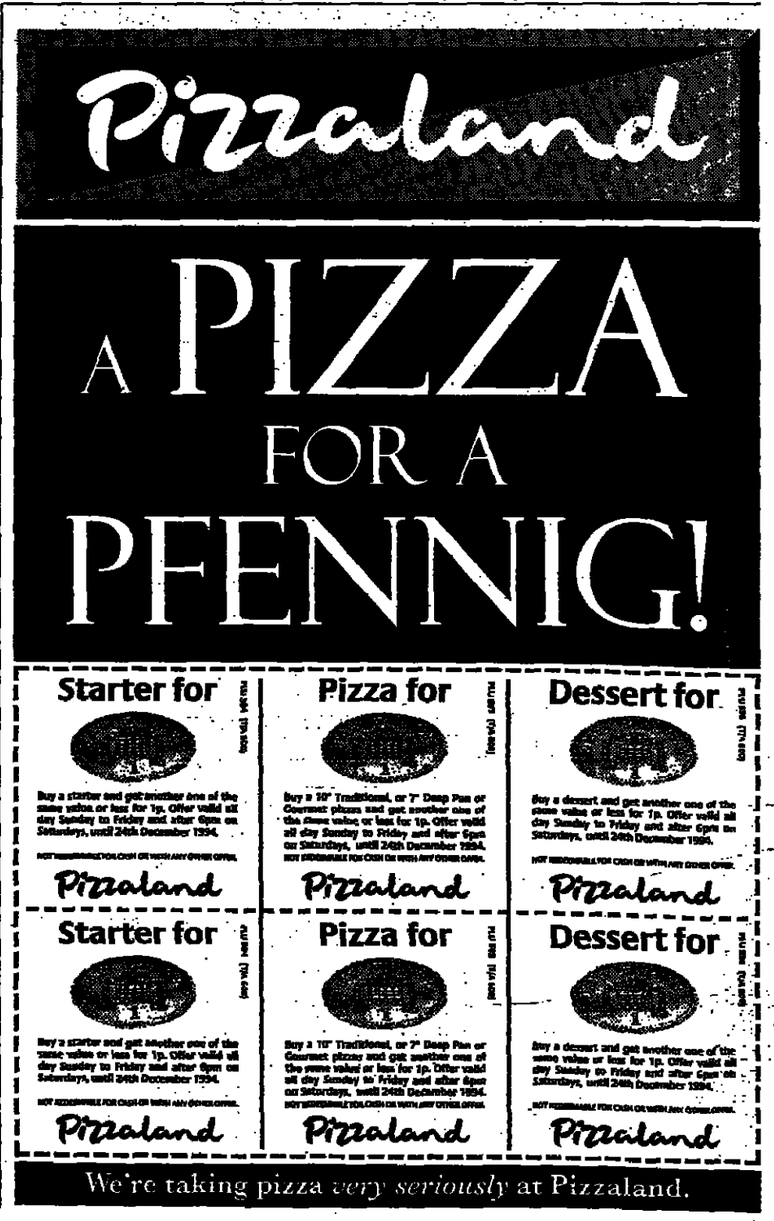
They show 61,693 people waiting more than a year for hospital treatment compared with over 200,000 in March 1990. The North West region cut the number waiting more than a year by over 30 per cent in the last quarter to 3,630. But the total number on NHS waiting lists remained static at just over one million.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said that since NHS reforms were introduced in 1991 the average waiting time had fallen from seven and a half months to just over four and a half. She has pledged that from next April nobody will wait longer than 18 months for any operation and no longer than 12 months for a coronary artery bypass graft for heart disease.

The figures show that 524 patients had waited over two years for treatment in contravention of the Patient's Charter standard. The Health Department said that all but one were waiting for fertility treatment at Hammersmith Hospital, west London.

Meanwhile, health ministers are seeking an urgent meeting with leaders of the British Medical Association this week after doctors' leaders rejected a new deal on payments for night visits by GPs after a year of negotiations.





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Couple buy island haven for nation

JULIAN HERBERT



Ion and Jan Taverner on the beach beneath Bembridge Down, which thanks to their intervention has been protected from development. Mr Taverner, below, paid for 200 acres

'It was our way to ensure that future generations appreciate unspoilt area'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

FOR 10 years Ron Taverner has marvelled at the breathtaking views from a clifftop on the Isle of Wight. When the area was threatened with development he did not hesitate: he bought it for the nation.

Mr Taverner, a retired architect and surveyor, yesterday formally handed Bembridge Down to the National Trust. He has spent tens of thousands of pounds to ensure that it is permanently protected from developers. The 200-acre site, near Ryde, has added one mile to 15 miles of coastline on the island already under the National Trust's guardianship.

Mr Taverner donated an undisclosed sum to the trust's Enterprise Neptune Scheme to enable it to acquire the land. Carparks and fencing will be upgraded to enable more visitors to enjoy the area, which is *rich in flora and fauna. The* chalk grassland supports rare plants such as yarrow broomrape and Nottingham catchfly. *Notable fauna includes the* Glanville fritillary, the bee wolf (a mining wasp) and the great crested newt.

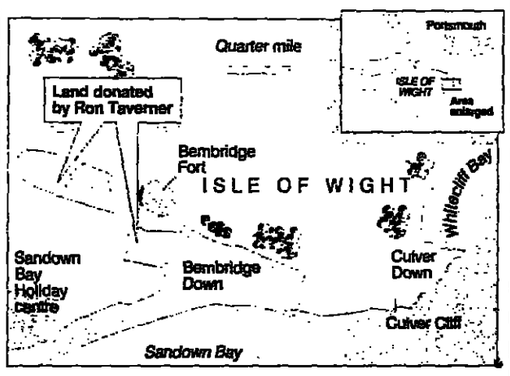
Mr Taverner, who lives at Chichester Harbour with his wife Jan, had grown increasingly concerned about the spread of development at neighbouring sites. When South Wight Borough Council, which is to be replaced by a unitary authority on the island, decided to dispose of the land he moved swiftly.

"I discussed it with my wife and we decided it was our way of ensuring that future generations can appreciate the stunning beauty of the area. There is nothing like it. It is totally unspoilt. It is vital it remains that way," Mr Taverner said. "The site was in imminent danger. Next door, Whitecliff Bay beauty spot has been *vandalised by a leisure centre* and camp sites. It would be a tragedy if the same happened at Bembridge Down." The couple, members of the National Trust for many years, spend much of their time walking on beaches. "We have wanted to help preserve a beach for a long time. This is much more worthwhile than shelling out each year on National Trust subscription fees," he said.

More than 550 miles of the country's coastline is permanently preserved by Enterprise Neptune, the scheme to save unspoilt beaches. It was launched in 1965 and is the trust's most popular appeal to date, raising £18 million for acquisitions and maintenance.

Liz Mills, public affairs manager for the trust on the Isle of Wight, praised the Taverners. "It is a marvellous gesture. It means this cliff land will remain an open and undeveloped space. Apart from its beauty it is also important for its nature conservation value."





Millennium cash 'open to all'

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE allocation of National Lottery funds for projects to celebrate the millennium would not discriminate between the public and private sectors, Simon Jenkins, a member of the Millennium Commission, said yesterday.

Mr Jenkins, a former editor of *The Times*, told the annual meeting of the Historic Houses Association that, while schemes would have to be plainly of public benefit, *that would not exclude private* individuals from making applications. "We are concerned to get projects off the ground which reflect the *public's desire to celebrate* the millennium," he said. "We will in no sense discriminate between the public and the private sector. I think it would be very sad if private *owners did not come forward* with good plausible bids for millennium funds."

Earlier, William Proby, the association's president, had forecast a "two speed" heritage, with private owners increasingly starved of funds, while the public sector, including the National Trust, received huge sums from the lottery.

More than £300 million a year was expected to be made available to support heritage projects, but under present legislation none of that could go to the private sector, Mr Proby said.

He expressed concern that *the partnership between the* Government and private owners of historic houses was *breaking down at a time* when other countries were giving more support.

Lottery delivers £12m to worthy causes

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FIVE groups promoting good causes will share a £12.65 million payout from the first week of the National Lottery. Stephen Dorrell, National Heritage Secretary, announced yesterday that £2.53 million each will be given to the Arts Council, the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the Sports Council, the Millennium Commission and the National Lottery Charities Board.

Mr Dorrell said the payout, larger than expected because of the huge popularity of the lottery, was "wonderful news". He was confident that money would continue to flow to good causes in large amounts. "The lottery is striking a chord with the public. They find it fun and also recognise that the profits are going to good causes," he said.

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, said: "These sums go far beyond anything we had thought possible. We can do an immense amount of public good with these additional resources."

The Earl of Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, said the lottery was the "best news for the funding of the arts in my lifetime", and urged art lovers to indulge in a flutter on the lottery to keep the money flowing. He expects to distribute about £100 million of new money to the arts.

David Sieff, chairman of the National Lottery Charities Board, said the lottery funds would make a significant difference to national life. Applications from good causes seeking lottery funding have been invited from January.

☐ The holders of another of the jackpot tickets that won £839,254 was disclosed yesterday as Eva Robinson, 63, and her husband Bernard, 64, of south Humberside. The winners of the seven jackpot prizes have all received their cheques.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man must compensate prankster he attacked

A householder who made a citizen's arrest when he saw a man hiding behind a car on his drive after midnight was convicted of assault by Stafford magistrates and ordered to pay £750 compensation.

William Crowther, 57, went out in his pyjamas, armed with a sheathed bayonet, and seized Christopher Mountford, 22, hitting him in the face and breaking his nose. Mr Mountford, a student, said he had only been playing a joke on friends.

Delay at opera

Trustees of the Cardiff Bay Opera House postponed confirmation of the design until next year. They are to consider other schemes after criticism of Zaha Hadid's plans, which won a competition in September. A decision on the £43 million project was scheduled for December 9.

Trial choice

Wyn Jones, 50, former Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner, chose trial by jury when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on a shoplifting charge.

Livestock protest

Six people were charged with obstruction after 50 protesters at Millbay docks, Plymouth, tried to block a shipment of sheep and calves for slaughter on the Continent.

Player bankrupt

The former Arsenal winger Peter Marinello was declared bankrupt at Bournemouth County Court. Mr Marinello, 44, said a business partner had fled with funds.

Drummer settles

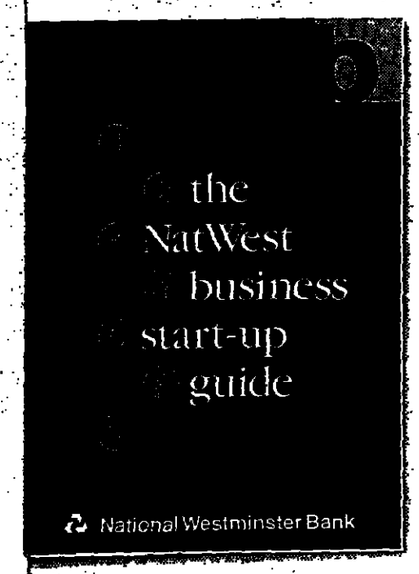
Mitch Mitchell, drummer with Jimi Hendrix, settled his High Court libel action over a book, *Crosstown Traffic*, said to brand him racist. Publishers Faber & Faber apolgised.

In the pink

Irene Innis, 59, is to spend her £500,000 pools win on a hotel in Blackpool only for homosexual men. "I thought about having lesbians but I gather they fight a lot," she said.

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Someone had to do it, says 1922 challenger

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE surprise challenger for the chairmanship of the 1922 committee, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, denied last night that he was rocking the boat in forcing a contest against Sir Marcus Fox.

"It is a job that has to be done," he said. "It is one I think I can do well and I want to give my colleagues the chance to make the choice," he said.

Sir Nicholas, one of the pillars of the Tory establishment, will draw support from both the centre-left of the party and Eurosceptics infuriated by John Major's decision to threaten a general election if he loses Monday's vote on the British contribution to the Brussels budget. The Prime Minister would like to punish Sir Marcus for being the "messenger boy" who first put that threat into the public domain.

The immediate reaction of Tory MPs was that Sir Nicholas, 51, who three times defied the whips over Maastricht, would give Sir Marcus a run for his money, although the incumbent begins the two-day contest as a strong favourite.

Sir Marcus, who won the post as the candidate of the Right two years ago, has been under fire from disillusioned rightwingers for his unswerving loyalty to Mr Major. The sceptics were angered by the way the 1922 chairman, apparently acting in concert with the party machine, was the first to issue the election alert and to order potential rebels back into line. MPs independent of the warring Euro-factions have also questioned Sir Marcus's intervention, saying his job is to act as their mouthpiece to the Prime Minister, not the other way around.

Nicholas Winterton, a persistent thorn in Mr Major's side, has branded Sir Marcus "the Prime Minister's lapdog". Another MP said: "The Left think Marcus is a rightwinger and the right think he's the Prime Minister's fag."

But amid the increasingly fevered atmosphere at Westminster, where a cabal of mavericks are trying to engineer a direct challenge to Mr Major's leadership, some MPs were inclined to see Sir Nicholas's move as part of a wider campaign to unsettle the leadership.

One described him as a "stalking greyhound" preparing to pursue the hare of Sir Marcus while others pondered their chances of bringing down the main quarry — the Prime Minister himself.

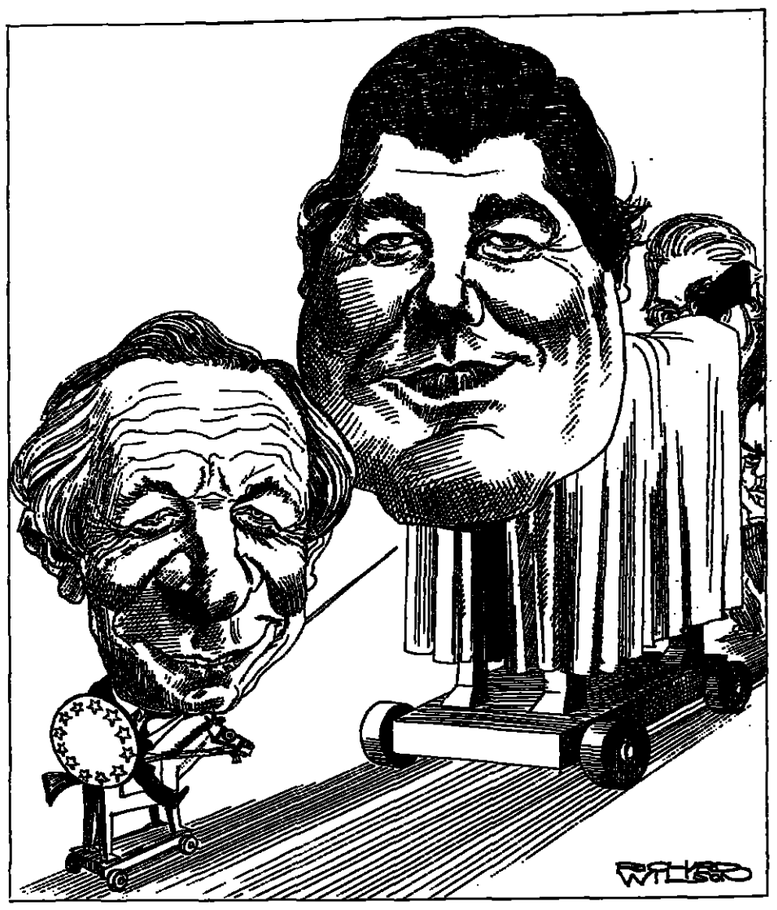
Another said: "All sorts of factors are at work here. Nick will draw support from the toffs, the sceptics, the Lollards (the main centre-left group of Tory MPs), and those who think that the chairman's job is to speak for the backbenchers and not to them.

"But voting for him is also a way of registering indignation at the way things have gone over the past few weeks. For such people, this will be war by other means."

Sir Nicholas's friends firmly denied that he was the anti-Major candidate. They said that the Upminster MP, also chairman of the defence select committee, neither believed that there would be a challenge to Mr Major's leadership this side of the election nor wanted one.

But he believed that by not being identified with any faction in the party, he could represent backbenchers effectively and he would not flinch from passing on to the Prime Minister unwelcome messages. His friends said that he had decided to stand after being pressed to do so by a variety of MPs over the past ten days.

Sir Marcus, 67, is likely to retain the backing of the mainstream Right at tomorrow's elections for the officers and executive of the 1922 Committee. He will also be supported by Government loyalists, so bringing together a bizarre coalition of figures such as Tristan Garel-Jones, former whip and right-wing bogey, and Sir George Gardiner, the chairman of the 92 Group of rightwingers. If Sir Marcus survives he is likely to regard the challenge as a warning that he must safeguard his independence of the Government whips.



Member of a dwindling Tory band

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR Nicholas Bonsor epitomises the quintessential Tory squire of Trollope's England.

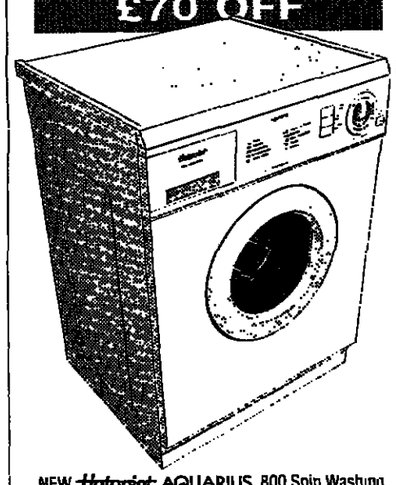
He is a descendant of Admiral Nelson and Admiral Bidport and went to Eton and Oxford before serving in the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry and being called to the Bar. He then followed the family tradition and entered the Commons, as MP for Nantwich in 1979 and later for Upminster.

Sir Nicholas's wife, Nadine, is daughter of the Lord Kilearn. They have five children but, the antithesis of Tony Blair, he would not admit to having changed a nappy and once criticised feminist MPs for their "screeching and squawking". He is a passionate supporter of the royal family and is most at home in the gentlemen's clubs in Pall Mall or wearing his tweeds on a shooting weekend.

Being one of the dwindling band of Tory old Etonians could be a disadvantage in his attempt to join the self-made men and women who dominate the 1922 Committee in John Major's classless society. But Sir Nichols, 51, is liked as a solid right-wing backbencher who is neither a barmy rebel nor a government sycophant.

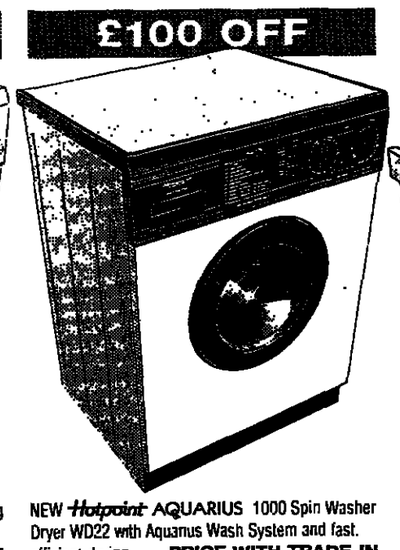
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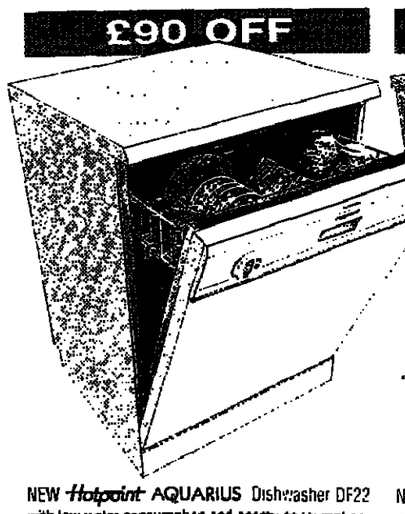


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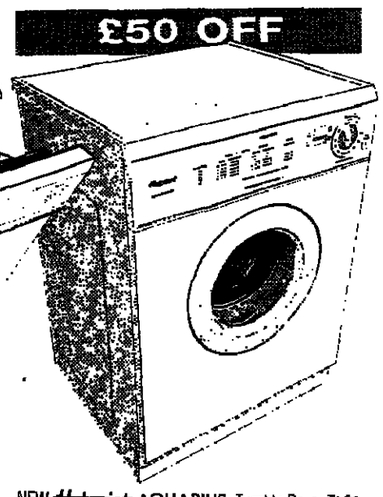
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Battle begins for place in the celebrity spotlight

The chairman of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers has become a media celebrity rather than a figure of political weight. Long gone are the days when a double-barrelled retired colonel of impeccable rectitude, and stuffiness, would inspire awe and respect by his mere presence and would be expected to say little. The political importance of the chairmanship has fallen as its media prominence has risen.

Nevertheless, the 1922 Committee can matter in times of crisis as a barometer of the mood of MPs. The views of Tory backbenchers, and the 1922 executive, played a crucial part in the downfall of both Sir Leon Britian in January 1986 and David Mellor in September 1992. At such times, meetings of the 1922 Committee are, as Julian Critchley so vividly describes them in his *A Bag of Boiled Sweets*, a theatre of cruelty as well as, more usually, a theatre of the absurd. They show the instinctive tendency of Tory MPs to panic at moments of crisis and to look for scapegoats.

The annual elections to the executive allow left and right-wing factions to push their rival tickets. The right wing has recently been more successful thanks to the efforts of the 92 Group under the conspiratorial Sir George Gardiner, even though he lost his place last year to the neanderthal buffon David Evans. Apart from a few astute political brains, in the main from Sussex, the executive largely consists of old buffers, of both sexes, better known for their prejudices than for their judgment. Election provides access to the media, and occasionally to the Prime Minister, but little else.

The announcement that Sir Nicholas Bonsor would be challenging Sir Marcus Fox tomorrow evening is therefore less a battle of the titans than a sign of the restless mood of Tory MPs. Sir Marcus, like his two predecessors, has alienated fellow Tories by oscillating between being a superloyalist and a backbench shop steward.

Sir Edward du Cann, who straddled the Heath and Thatcher premierships, ultimately drowned in his own oleaginousness. His joke to reporters "anything more I can mislead you about dear boy" backfired in 1984. Sir Cranley Onslow won by promising a return to a more traditional style, operating in private rather than public. But Sir Cranley, a former intelligence officer, took discretion to such extremes that he did not have a decisive influence when it mattered, during the Tory leadership struggle of November 1990. He was in turn vulnerable to a challenge from a self-styled champion of the backbenchers when Sir Marcus stood, and won, after the 1992 election.

Sir Marcus portrays himself as a bluff, shrewd Yorkshireman. But few take him seriously. His public comments have been all over the place, defending what is supposes is the predominant view of the moment and then saying the opposite a day, or even a few hours, later. His attempts to reassure the media that the Tory party was united during the Maastrich saga opened him to ridicule. This later led to a period of, relative, silence.

So when Sir Marcus intervened last week to say that the vote in the European Budget Bill was an issue of confidence, most MPs concluded that he had not acted on his own but had been put up to it by the Tory whips. This infuriated anti-European MPs and those who believe the chairman should speak on behalf of backbenches, and not the whips. Yet such are the bizarre twists of backbench alliances that many on the Right are backing Sir Marcus and some on the Left are behind Sir Nicholas's candidacy. Whoever wins, and Sir Marcus remains the favourite, may gain a season ticket to the BBC's *World at One*, but he is unlikely to secure a place in any history of the 1990s.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, defence questions were followed by Prime Minister's questions during which Tony Blair challenged John Major over pay awards to British Gas executives.

Margaret Beckett, the shadow Health Secretary, opened the fifth day of debate on the Queen's Speech. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, responded and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, and Donald Dewar, his Labour shadow, wound up.

In the Lords, peers continued their debate on the Queen's Speech with home and social affairs the main topics covered. The speakers included the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Attenborough.

TODAY: In the Commons, trade and industry questions will be followed by the conclusion of the debate on the Queen's Speech, to be opened by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and closed by Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons. The Lords will debate the environmental and agricultural aspects of the speech.

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Aitken calls for an end to EU 'complacency'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN Aitken, one of the Cabinet's leading right-wingers, launched a critical attack on Europe's economic record last night, describing a two-speed world with "Europe trailing badly in the slow lane".

Underlining his Eurosceptic credentials the Chief Treasury Secretary delivered a powerful speech suggesting that the European Union was responding "too sluggishly and too complacently" to a global shift in economic power.

Mr Aitken, who was giving the Nicholas Ridley Memorial Lecture to the rightwing Conservative Way Forward in London, criticised the French for their "protectionism" and state subsidies and emphasised the need to set up stronger trading partnerships outside Europe.

Too much introspection on Europe was now threatening excellent global trading opportunities. "The House of Commons today all too often gives the impression of being a Eurointrospective Debating Society with its own in-group of obssionalists."



Aitken: Europe is trailing in slow lane

Mr Aitken, who is seen by some MPs as an alternative standard bearer for the Right to Michael Portillo, says that he shares John Major's vision of the EU as "an enlarged, non-federalist, less centralised and increasingly free group of nations".

He insisted that Europe was vital for Britain's long-term economic interests, but said that "one or two amber lights of warning needed to be heeded". GDP growth in the EU compared very unfavourably with global standards and growth in employment was also very poor compared to countries such as Japan and North America.

"I think it is right to flag up the danger that countries of the EU may be responding too sluggishly and too complacently to the challenge of this new world economic order," Mr Aitken said. "The national parliaments of the EU and the European Parliament itself, are giving much introspective debating time to Euro infighting about bureaucratic regulations, complex decision making structures and theoretical political concepts such as variable geometry, or two-speed Europe.

"But the reality of what we have to face is not a two-speed Europe but a two-speed world in which Europe is trailing badly in the slow lane."

He pointed out that the EU represented one fifth of the world economy but it was the slowest growing trading block, struggling to make 2 per cent growth this year. Britain now enjoyed the highest growth rate among the major EU nations, the biggest falls in unemployment and the lion's share in inward investment. But it could not afford to be complacent as its export patterns remained biased towards slower growing economies.

Mr Aitken admitted that long before the term Eurosceptic became fashionable he had consistently called for the reform of EC policies. "However, I have never wavered from this view that a strong and competitive and outward looking Europe is vital to this country's long term economic success."

Mr Aitken said he was a free trader by instinct and experience. "Protectionism imposes costs on consumers and restricts their freedom of choice." The French had a long history of protectionism and state subsidies for a range of enterprises ranging from small farms to the state airline Air France.

"Can we do better for our country and our economy than turning towards the fortress Europe or fortress Britain theories of protectionism? I believe we can."



Mr Portillo echoed Baroness Thatcher in his speech: "We must not fear to speak with a distinctive voice"

Portillo warns of new conflict

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo paved the way last night for a renewed battle with the European Union as he set out his credentials as defender of Britain's business interests.

The Employment Secretary fired a barrage of criticism at European overregulation, underperformance and failure to compete with countries worldwide, and promised to head off next month a proposal which he said would reduce British competitiveness and increase wage costs.

At a meeting of European Union employment ministers he will lead resistance to the plan to make companies sending staff abroad match the wage levels of the European country in which they work. British companies sending staff to Germany, for instance, would have to pay them at the higher German rate.

Speaking to the Institute of Directors in London yesterday, he said the move "offends against an underlying principle of the common market, namely the free movement of workers, that allows them to do the jobs they want, where they want".

The ministers' meeting will also spark a further confrontation over EU attempts to force companies to give part-time workers the same employment rights as full-time staff. Mr Portillo says the change would deter businesses from taking on new staff.

During a speech that was heavily critical of policy failures in Europe, the arch Eurosceptic was at pains to portray himself as a minister who would fight a positive campaign within the EU.

In an echo of Baroness Thatcher's combative language while prime minister, Mr Portillo said: "We must not fear to speak in Europe with a distinctive voice. Sometimes when we do we shall be alone. Even if a single person holds one opinion, and all the world holds another, that does not mean that the one is wrong and all the rest are right."

He set down firmly his frustrations over policies that he said were making Europe lose out to global competition. "Europe is underperforming. It's not because we are lazy or uninventive. It's because we are still pursuing policies which are interventionist and centralising."

Grant cuts 'harming future of the arts'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

LORD Attenborough made an impassioned plea for more generous public funding of the arts in the Lords last night, giving a warning of "untold damage" being inflicted by cuts in grants to dance and drama students.

Making his maiden speech in the Lords, the film director and actor said it was a "extremely tragic irony" that some of Britain's brightest dramatic talents were being denied access to training through lack of mandatory grants, with their places being taken by those who could afford to pay.

Lord Attenborough, speaking from the Labour benches, was particularly concerned about the film industry and condemned the "pitiful activity" of successive arts ministers. Film-making could not be compared with any other manufacturing industry, he said. The cinema provided a "crucial definition of our cultural identity both here at home and throughout the world".

Measures had to be introduced to allow investors to spread their risk across a range of films, said Lord Attenborough, who was contributing to the Lords debate on the Queen's Speech.

Earlier, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, made an appeal for more tolerance of the behaviour of people in public life. Individual failure and lapses were simply not valid grounds for withholding trust, he said.



Attenborough: best talents being lost

NHS to get £40m extra for teaching

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government will set aside an extra £40 million for research and teaching in the NHS, Virginia Bottomley announced yesterday.

The Health Secretary also told the Commons that the number of patients waiting more than a year for NHS treatment had been cut by nearly 10,000.

Speaking during the fifth day of the Queen's Speech debate, Mrs Bottomley was repeatedly heckled by Labour MPs over the leaked memo written by the Tory deputy chairman John Maples which suggested that the party would benefit from a news blackout on the NHS.

She said that the Tories would speak "at great length" on the subject in the coming parliamentary session.

Mrs Bottomley said that the research money would bring the total next year for medical and dental education and research to over £530 million. "It will support the health service in training tomorrow's doctors," she told MPs.

Turning to the two health Bills in the Queen's Speech, the Mrs Bottomley said: "The Medical Act (Amendment) Bill will allow doctors whose performance is deficient to have further training before they are allowed to continue to practice." The Mental Health Bill would introduce stronger powers for looking after the most severely mentally ill people. "It will significantly tighten care in the community. It will provide added protection for the public and for patients themselves," she said.

Mrs Bottomley rejected claims that councils such as the Isle of Wight did not have enough funding for the community care scheme, saying they were "extremely well provided for".

Earlier in the debate Margaret Beckett, the shadow Health Secretary, said the memo prepared by Mr Maples showed how the Government wanted to conceal its mistakes on health. She said a climate of fear existed in the NHS because it was becoming an organisation where competition was the key.

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Royal Navy Sea Harriers evade Serb missile attack

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO Royal Navy Sea Harriers were forced to take evasive action over Bosnia yesterday when two surface-to-air guided missiles were fired at them from the Serb-occupied town of Banja Luka.

The two jump jets were apparently the target of a revenge attack for Nato's air raid on Udbina airfield in Serb-held Krajina the previous day. Both returned safely to the aircraft carrier *HMS Invincible* in the Adriatic.

Yesterday's drama began at 8.15am while the two Sea Harriers were on an early morning "offensive counter-combat air patrol" as part of Nato's Operation Deny Flight, which enforces the air exclusion zone over Bosnia. They were equipped with 500lb bombs, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, and nose-mounted reconnaissance cameras.

Shortly after the aircraft began their patrol over Banja Luka in northwest Bosnia, their crews spotted two Sam-2 Guideline missiles being launched. The Sam-2 is radio-guided from the ground. It is about 30ft long and flies "like a telegraph pole" towards its target, which is tracked by radar. Although it can travel at more than three times the speed of sound, the missile, with a range of 30 miles, is a relatively obsolete weapon. Experienced pilots can avoid it if they spot it early.

The pilots of the two Sea Harriers used metallic chaff decoys and electronic jamming, as well as special manoeuvre techniques, to avoid the missiles, which missed their targets by some two miles and exploded above them at about 35,000ft.

There were no other aircraft in the area and the pilots were convinced they were deliberately targeted. They took no retaliatory action and completed their patrol before returning to *Invincible*.

A Nato spokesman at the allied forces' southern Europe headquarters in Naples said a full investigation was underway to try to get independent tracing of the missile launch before a statement was made.

In the Commons, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said Britain would fully support any retaliatory action against the Serbs recommended by United Nations Protection Force commanders in Bosnia. He said the "serious incident" underlined the courage required of British servicemen in Bosnia, adding that yesterday was the first time a Sam-2 "airburst" had been observed over the country.

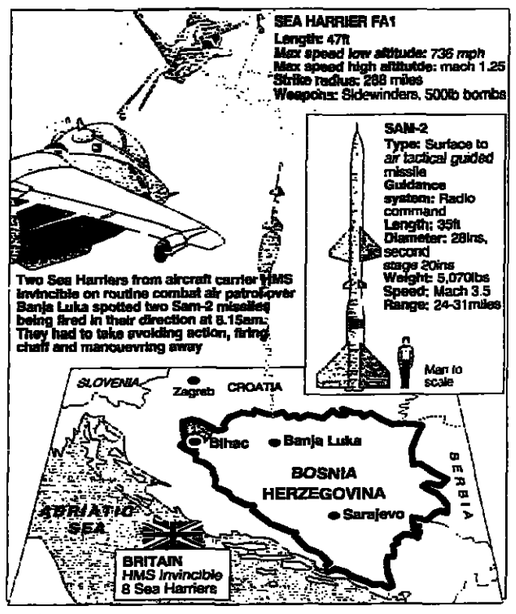
David Clark, the shadow Defence Secretary, responded: "Our relief that the Sea Harriers and their pilots escaped unscathed today is tempered by the increasing and escalating danger which our troops in Bosnia face. Will you inform the Serbs that, if they take shots at UN and UK planes trying to operate Deny Flight, they will be bombed further?"

Mr Rifkind replied: "I can give a categoric assurance that the Government would support any measures that are required to ensure the safety of our armed forces and other UN forces serving in Bosnia."

Yesterday's missile attack was the third incident involving British aircraft in Bosnia. A Sea Harrier was shot down over the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in eastern Bosnia in April as it prepared for a bombing mission. The pilot ejected safely. In September two Sea Harriers were targeted by a shorter-range "small" surface-to-air missile near Bihac in northwest Bosnia. The missile did not explode.

Invincible, which carries eight Sea Harriers from 800 Squadron, heads a British naval task group in the Adriatic. The Sea Harrier is a highly versatile aircraft which first saw action in the Falklands War in 1982.

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A Sea Harrier jump jet, similar to those from 800 Squadron that were attacked by Serb surface-to-air missiles over Bosnia yesterday, lands on the aircraft carrier *HMS Invincible*, which is on patrol in the Adriati

Defiant airfield commander sends Serb regards to the bomber pilots

FROM TIM JUDAH
AT UDBINA AIRBASE

NATO RAID

RATKO Dopudja, commander of Udbina Air Base bombed on Monday by Nato planes, says it will be repaired and ready for action "in a few days". The commander said one soldier died during the raid, one was wounded and that five civilians had been injured.

He also alleged that five cluster bombs had been used and that they narrowly missed killing children in houses just outside the base. A field covered with small pock-marks of upturned earth, unexploded yellow canisters and the remains of exploded ones appeared to give weight to the allegation.

Commander Dopudja said his men shot down one of the 39 planes used during the raid but refused to give details. After the attack Nato officials said all their aircraft had returned safely. American, British, French and Dutch jets were involved in the biggest ever air raid in Nato history.

The Nato planes launched the attack on Udbina, which lies within the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina in Croatia after the UN claimed that jets flying from there had bombed the Muslim-held Bihac pocket in Bosnia, barely 15 miles away.

Commander Dopudja hotly denied the claim, saying his planes had only flown training missions.

The main target of the Nato raid was Udbina's runway. Surrounding buildings were untouched. Four massive craters, ten metres across and four deep, punctuated the Tarmac, making it clearly unusable.

"One hundred per cent," said one Krajina air force officer admitting Nato's handiwork. By contrast, several anti-aircraft batteries around the base appeared intact. "They missed," he said with a broad smile.

Commander Dopudja claimed that Udbina had been the target of a treacherous surprise attack. "The UN told us to put vehicles on the runway and said that then we would not be hit."

On Sunday night UN sources said the Serbs had put vehicles on the runway to show it was no longe being used and that they hadinvited observers to check it hd been done.

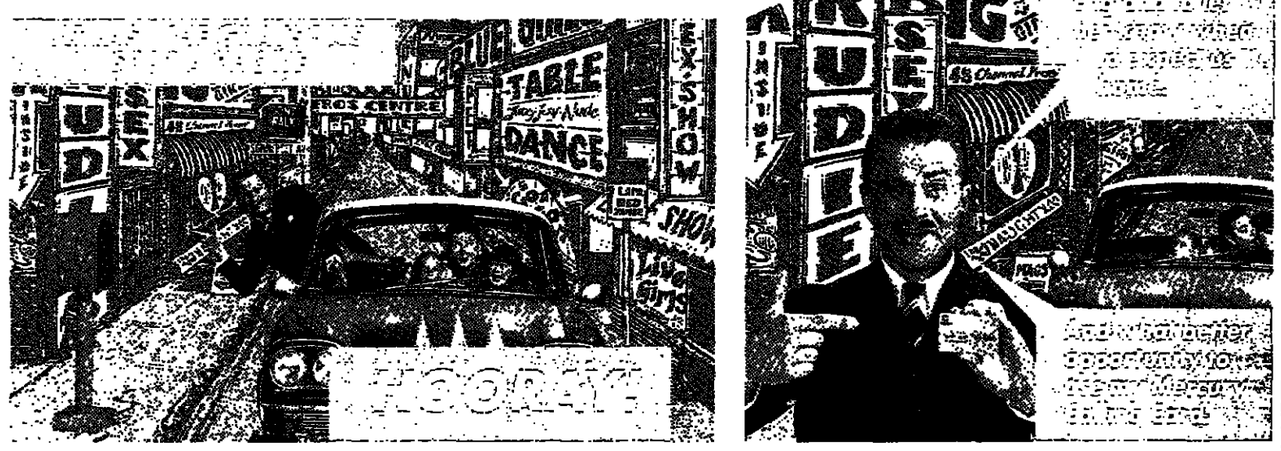
Desultory clumps f soldiers and civilians hatted and laughed in and round the base yesterday andeveral people could be seen lading for home hauling o fearsome one-foot-long pces of shrapnel as souvenirs.

There was anger, however, in a small settlemet just outside the base's pemeter fence. A field adjacentp the houses of the 35 familis who live there was pockmarked fromscores of mall explosions.

Commander Doudja asked that a messa be relayed to RAF pilot who participated in the raid.

"Please give them m best regards," he said. "Say thnks for the presents and sayhat one day we'll be able to ppay you."

He also said: "Never i the history of aviation hav so many planes been usi to attack such a small plac"



Gas leaks top siege killer list

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MORE people have been killed by gas leaks in Sarajevo this year than by bombs and bullets. This week Britain provided a gas detector van in a campaign to reduce the number of deaths from gas explosions and poisoning caused by cobbling together connections to the city's gas mains. The campaign by the Overseas Development Administration has cost £540,000.

"When the most intense shelling of Sarajevo stopped in February, it became possible to address the damage done to the city's infrastructure," an ODA spokesman said. "What we found was horrifying; 60,000 homes that were ticking time bombs, silently killing sleeping children with gas poisoning, and an explosive potential as explosive and unpredictable as any mortar."

During the first winter of the Bosnian war two years ago, desperate civilians cut down the trees lining Sraje-vo's streets for fuel. Lasyear gas became the mainfuel supply, with 20,000 lrally connected homes being ined by 60,000 households, hich hooked up to the gas pieline that runs via Belgradefrom Siberia.

"Often the mains pe is simply cut and a gardenhose is clamped on and fed in the house's defunct centralheating system," the spokman said.



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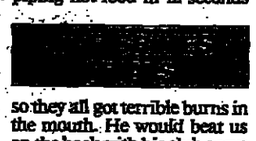
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A GUILTY verdict was reached yesterday in the first of a series of Bosnia war crimes trials outside the former Yugoslavia, coinciding with the opening of the first war crimes trial in the country itself.

In Copenhagen, a Danish court yesterday sentenced Refet Saric, a Bosnian Muslim, to eight years in jail for torturing prisoners of war to death in a Croat-run prison camp in Bosnia last year. The court found Saric, 31, guilty on 14 charges of gross violence, two leading to the deaths of the victims.

Saric, declared mentally ill after arriving in Denmark with his wife and two children as refugees, will be given psychiatric care until he is well enough to serve time in jail. The court ruled that he would be expelled from Denmark at the end of his sentence. Atif Bektas, a painter seeking asylum in Denmark, described how prisoners would be lined up in the camp compound and kicked by Saric and other camp guards in what was called a "domino game" with one prisoner toppling over the other. Another witness, Ahmed Kapic, a farm worker, said that Saric would always go around the camp with a club in his hand.

"One of his tricks was to force prisoners to eat plates of piping hot food in 12 seconds



so they all got terrible burns in the mouth. He would beat us on the back with his club as we kneeled down to take the hot food," Mr Kapic told the court.

The trial in Copenhagen coincided with the opening in the northern Serbian town of Sabac of the trial of two Serbian brothers accused of murder, rape, robbery and firearms offences while members of the paramilitary "Yellow Wasps". Dusko Vuckovic, 30, and his brother Vojin, 32, from the village of Umka, south of Belgrade, appeared before the district court in Sabac.

Dusko is charged with using an automatic rifle to murder 16 Muslims and wound 20 others in northeastern Bosnia in 1992, when Serb "ethnic cleansing" was reaching a peak. He also faces rape and robbery charges. He pleaded not guilty to all charges, saying he confessed under threat of being put in front of a firing squad.

His brother Vojin, who was the wartime commander of the Yellow Wasps unit, is accused of the lesser offences of illegal possession of arms and assuming a false identity.

The Danish court was told that Saric was taken prisoner along with other Muslim army volunteers in July last year but was promoted to guard duty in the camp at Dretelj, near Mostar. He was recognised by former camp inmates after seeking asylum in Denmark, but claimed that he had been a victim of mistaken identity.

The Copenhagen regional court's verdict was the first in a series of war crimes trials being held outside the former Yugoslavia. "After the Second World War tribunals, we believed that human atrocities had come to an end. But we were wrong," Bent Otken, the presiding judge, said in his final instructions to the 12 jurors. During the hearings 20 witnesses told the court how the accused, who was nicknamed Mara, brutally mistreated prisoners. The witnesses said that he was responsible for beating up prisoners, kicking their teeth out and clubbing them for hours.

"He tortured his camp inmates and treated them in an inhuman fashion. This calls for the stiffest penalty in Danish law," Erik Merlung, the public prosecutor, said. "The jury must disregard personal emotions and consider the evidence neutrally. But all the witnesses have clearly pointed to the accused as the culprit. There is no cause to doubt their credibility or sincerity." Judge Otken told the jury. "What we have heard during this trial about conditions in the prison camp must fill any decent human being with disgust, even hatred," he added. "I am pure and innocent. I am only interested in the truth, there is a conspiracy against me," Saric told the court.



Dusan Vuckovic is released from handcuffs in Sabac, south of Belgrade, yesterday at the start of his war crimes trial for killing 16 Muslims



Rich soil of Bihac provides fertile ground for conflict

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR ago the words "Bihac pocket" might have conjured up images of intricate needlework on a Balkan peasant costume. Now the fertile region in the extreme northwest of Bosnia has gained the attention of the world.

Bihac, the borders of which were drawn at the beginning of the 18th century, lies in the middle of the faultline at the heart of the Balkan conflict. The Serbs do not want a Muslim enclave inside territory on which they have long-term designs, while the Muslim-led government wants to link Bihac with the main body of land it controls in central and southwestern Bosnia.

It is impossible to satisfy both these aims amicably. One side either has to give way at the negotiating table or be defeated on the battlefield.

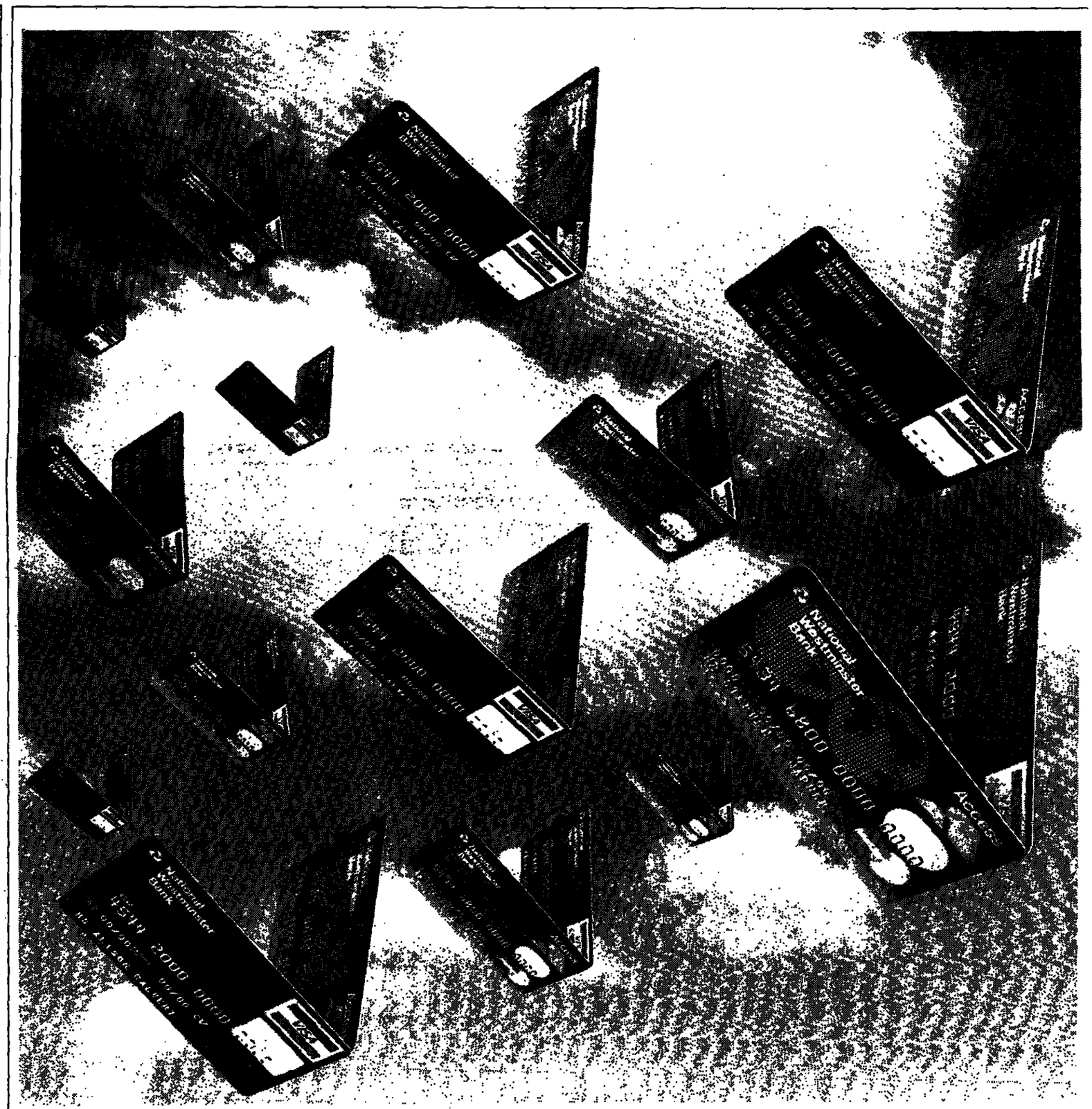
The situation is made especially dangerous because of the labyrinthine nature of Balkan politics, with the ripple effect from Bihac affecting all players in the conflict.

Bihac lies over the border from a part of Croatia populated by Serbs who suffered terrible losses during the Second World War at the hands of Croatia's Nazi-backed authorities and who want to break away and maintain links with Serbs in Bosnia and Serbia. President Tudjman wants the UN to disarm the Krajina Serbs, and has threatened to withhold renewal of the world body's mandate in January unless this is carried out. This would probably make the entire UN programme in the former Yugoslavia impossible.

Bihac was the fiefdom of Fikret Abdic, a multi-millionaire Muslim, whose agriculture-based empire depended on Serb goodwill in Croatia and Bosnia. When the Muslim-led Bosnian army united with Bosnian Croats against the Serbs and threatened his empire, Mr Abdic rebelled against Sarajevo. Muslim fought Muslim until Mr Abdic's forces were defeated in September, many of them crossing into Krajina.

This left Muslim government troops free to break out of Bihac and try to drive a corridor towards their main territory in central Bosnia, taking the Serbs by surprise. However, the Serbs soon regained the initiative and, with the help of Mr Abdic's rebels and of Serbs in Krajina, have retaken almost all the land lost to the Muslims, and are now bombarding Bihac from Bosnia and from Krajina. Nato stepped in and bombed the Krajina Serb air base at Udbina on Monday.

More than 30,000 refugees from the Bihac fighting between the Bosnian government and Abdic forces are camped just inside the Croatian border.



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Right sees primary as united way to halt Delors

BY CHARLES BREMNER

THE prospect of a President Delors succeeding *François Mitterrand* next year has jolted France's feuding conservative parties *into preparations for* American-style primary elections to pick a single candidate.

Agreement on an elimination poll among both factions of the Gaullist party and the UDF centrist grouping marks a climbdown by Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, who is fighting a difficult battle against his protégé, Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. M Balladur is expected to emerge the victor, should the parties of the governing coalition agree on choosing a single figure to run in the spring election.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President and UDF leader, has grudgingly accepted the scheme in principle, although he would be virtually certain of elimination. Like M Delors and M Balladur, M Giscard d'Estaing has not yet declared his candidacy but is *giving every sign* that he will run.

Commentators are *unanimous that the emergence* of the popular M Delors as likely candidate of the *Left had forced M* Chirac's camp and a reluctant section of the UDF to accept a primary election plan, which they have been ridiculing.

The scheme has been promoted by Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, a Balladur supporter. José Rossi, the *Industry Minister and* Secretary-General of the centrist Republican Party, yesterday hailed the scheme. "The priority is to find the candidate best placed to beat Jacques Delors," he said. François Léotard, the Republican figurehead, is campaigning for M Balladur and hopes to be Prime Minister in his government.

Paris springs surprise with defence plan for Europe

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

BRITISH satisfaction over *French assurances on slowing* down the drive for European integration took a knock yesterday *when the government* of Edouard Balladur unveiled a plan for a "revolution" in the *European Union and called* for rapid creation of a body to run a common defence and foreign policy.

The ideas were set out by Alain Lamassoure, the European Affairs Minister, *in the* first outline of the country's programme for its six-month presidency of the Union, which opens in January. They appeared to differ from the spirit of President Mitterrand's agreement with John Major in Chartres last Friday that there should be no rush to further integration in 1996, when Europe gathers to review progress on the Maastricht treaty. There would be no "great leap forward" in 1996, both men agreed.

M Lamassoure said the probable entry of up to 20 new members meant that the 1996 conference must result in far broader *measures* than the simple adjustments envisaged by the Maastricht treaty.

"This revolution in numbers calls for an institutional revolution," he said. Specifically, *this meant* "going further and faster" on external matters.



Lamassoure: Europe must look after itself

"Europe will only be able to take care of Europe the day it has the instruments of a common foreign and defence *policy," he said.*

The EU needed an institution to run a common foreign *policy as the Commission does* for internal policies, he said. It also needed its own armed *forces to avoid having to* depend on Nato and hence American consent, as it had in *Bosnia, he said.*

M Lamassoure offered no new initiatives on monetary union or economic policy. However, M Mitterrand is expected to propose a gesture to "illustrate the irreversibility" of a single currency when he meets Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, next week. British officials were studying M Lamassoure's text last night, but initially played down its significance.

M Lamassoure said the programme had yet to be approved by M Mitterrand. The mixed signals from Paris reflect both the division of power between the outgoing Socialist President and the Gaullist-led government and the effect of an election campaign *which will hamper, if* not paralyse, France's scope for action during its turn in the *Brussels chair.*

With federalism now a dirty word in a France nervous about sovereignty, M Balladur is steering a tricky course between the strong pro-integration beliefs held by the centrist part of his camp and the more nationalist views of the Gaullist Right, led by Jacques Chirac.

Yesterday's proposals echo last week's remark by Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister, that "the 1996 conference must not be a papering over, but a veritable new founding act" for a much enlarged Union.

☐ **Brussels:** Confusion over how many countries will attend the next EU summit in Essen is keeping six East *European governments in* painful suspense over whether or not they will be invited.



Nadia Comaneci arrives in Bucharest with Bart Conner, her fiancé. The gymnast was 14, below, when she won three gold medals at the 1976 Olympics



Gymnast returns to Romania

BY SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

NADIA Comaneci, the star gymnast who fled the dictatorial regime of Nicolae Ceausescu, yesterday offered $100,000 (£65,000) to help train other athletes.

"I didn't have this money until now, and I will give it to develop Romanian gymnastics," she said. When she escaped to America five years ago, she said she would not *return to live in Romania.* "I thought many times before about paying a visit to Romania, not only *to say hello but to offer real help to* Romanian gymnasts." She said that she would also consider a further donation to build a sports hall in Onesti, her native city.

Comaneci was 14 when she won three gold medals after being awarded seven perfect scores of ten, setting a gymnastics record at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and securing her place in sports history. She has never explained clearly what drove her to flee across the Hungar*ian border in November* 1989, a few weeks before Ceausescu was toppled and executed in the bloodiest *of the East European revolutions.*

She shed little light on the escape yesterday, saying: "I did what I thought was right. I will write a book on the way I left. It is a wonderful thing to be back. I never truly wanted to leave this country if conditions had been good here and the opportunities for happiness better, but they were not. I, like many others before me, was forced to leave to live."

Comaneci, 32, has brought her fiancé, American gymnast Bart Conner, with her but said that she could never see herself returning to *live, but added that she wanted to* build a close relationship with Romanian gymnastics.

Bundesbank urges caution on single currency

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HANS Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank chief, raised the stakes in the debate on European monetary union yesterday by insisting that budget deficits should be held below 3 per cent, even in economically sluggish times.

His comments, coupled with a catalogue of conditions *that must be met before* a single currency can be contemplated, were in stark contrast to the views of Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. *In an interview published* yesterday, Herr Waigel was optimistic about the prospects of achieving a European currency soon. "The scepticism of some critics, the belief that the completion of monetary union is merely a prospect for the remote and distant future, is without foundation," he said, apparently with Britain in mind.

The differences between the Bundesbank chief and the Finance Minister remain those of nuance and mood. *But there was little doubt in* Herr Tietmeyer's speech to foreign correspondents yesterday that the Bundesbank is becoming increasingly cautious on the issue of a single currency.

The view from the Bonn government appears to be that monetary union is the finishing line of a race to be run over *the four years that the new* government of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, will be in power. It is seen as a sprint that could even finish as early *as 1996 or 1997. The view from* the Bundesbank, however, is that the race is a marathon to be carefully paced, with the runners unlikely to stagger to the line much before 1999.

Neither view holds out much hope for stragglers. "To those who say monetary union is just around the corner, I reply, it isn't," Herr Tietmeyer *said. His conditions for estab*lishing a European currency include that all convergence criteria must be strictly met and not be softened. If any*thing, the Maastricht criteria* should be more rigorously interpreted.

It was not good enough to reduce budget deficits to within the agreed limit of 3 per cent of gross domestic product in times of economic boom. Countries needed to hold their deficit below the 3 per cent mark in other years as well.

In his view, political union was also crucial for a successful single currency.

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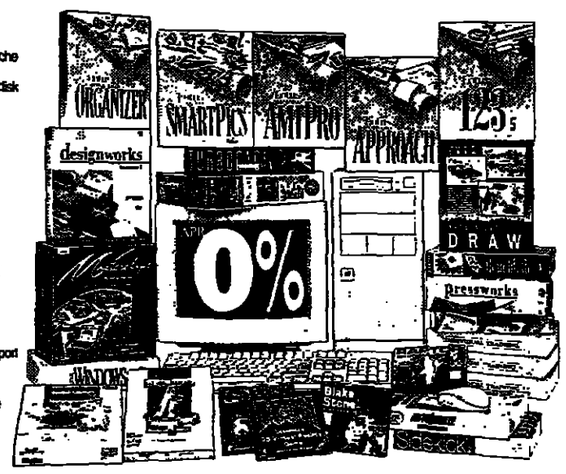
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Italian leader rejects calls to quit over alleged payments to tax inspectors

Bribes inquiry judges list Berlusconi as key suspect

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN NAPLES

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, came under heavy pressure to resign yesterday after he was placed under investigation by Milan anti-corruption magistrates.

The 57-year-old media tycoon insisted he would not step down despite the disclosure that he was listed at the Milan Palace of Justice on suspicion of bribing tax inspectors with his brother Paolo and Salvatore Sciascia, the head of the fiscal affairs office at the Prime Minister's Fininvest holding company.

Police yesterday delivered a letter to the Prime Minister advising him he was under investigation on suspicion of complicity in corruption. The letter ordered him to present himself to the Milan prosecutor's office in the next few days for interrogation. It said he was under suspicion in his capacity as "the person who was controlling de facto the activities of the Fininvest group". The lira plunged on foreign exchange markets and the crisis depressed shares.

Signor Berlusconi was told of the investigation while chairing a United Nations conference on organised crime in Naples. One source at the meeting said that this "gave the impression the conference was being presided over by a criminal", one conference source said.

Milan magistrates had withheld disclosure of the inquiry to avoid influencing local elections last Sunday. However, Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia suffered a setback at the polls.

The Prime Minister declared yesterday: "As far as I


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Milano, indagato Berlusconi

am concerned I am serene because, as I have said many times in the past, I am absolutely sure I have not committed any offence."

His coalition partners, the Northern League and the neo-Fascist National Alliance, expressed support. But it is likely that they will dump him if he appears unable to extricate himself from the prospect of prosecution. Numerous other leading Italian politicians have previously resigned in similar circumstances.

Cesare Salvi, a leader of the opposition Democratic Party of the Left, said: "We hope that the Prime Minister will rapidly clarify his position from a political point of view in front of the nation."

The investigation is the climax of months of tension between the government and the Milan magistrates and highlights the conflict of interest that has plagued Signor Berlusconi's period of office since he won his stunning election victory in March.

Paolo Berlusconi and Signor Sciascia were arrested in the summer and then released. The Prime Minister is also suspected of corruption with two other Fininvest officials and a group of officers from the finance police. The inquiry relates to two episodes in which bribes were allegedly paid. In 1991, during an inspection by tax officials of the Mondadori publishing company, in which the Prime Minister has a controlling interest, a bribe of 130 million lire (£40,000) was apparently shared between three finance police officers. In 1992, a bribe of 100 million lire was allegedly paid during a tax inspection of Signor Berlusconi's insurance company Mediolanum Vita, according to the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper.

Paolo Berlusconi admitted during the summer to Judge Antonio Di Pietro that he had ordered both payments to the tax inspectors. But Fininvest officials insisted they had been forced to hand over the money and that they were victims of extortion. The Prime Minister has denied any knowledge of the payments.

Signor Berlusconi believes he is the subject of persecution by the Milan judges whose disclosure, starting in February 1992, of massive corruption among the Christian Democrat and Socialist parties swept away most of the country's corrupt political caste. The Prime Minister's virtual monopoly over private television was built up with sponsorship from his friend Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader at the heart of the former bribe scandal.

President Scalfaro said this week that he might appoint a transitional government to oversee political and constitutional reform if Signor Berlusconi were to step down.


Silvio Berlusconi yesterday at the UN conference on organised crime which he is chairing in Naples, where he was told he was under investigation for alleged corruption

Russian rivers 'nuclear dumps'

FROM AFP
IN WASHINGTON

FOR more than 30 years, the former Soviet Union and now Russia have secretly pumped half their nuclear waste directly underground near the site of major rivers, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

Russian scientists revealed the practice to a small group of Western experts during a meeting in May at an Energy Department facility in California, the paper said.

"This is the largest and most careless nuclear practice that the human race has ever suffered," said Henry Kendall, a Nobel laureate in physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

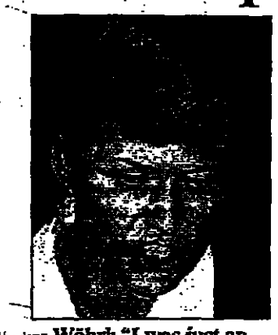
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The sites at Dimitrovgrad near the Volga river, Tomsk near the Ob river, and Krasnoyarsk on the Yenisei, were supposed to afford long-term protection against spreading contamination.

The Russian scientists, however, said the radioactive waste at one site has leaked and "spread a great distance", but did not provide further details.

Some US scientists quoted by the newspaper believe the risks are minimal, while others said that at worst the radioactivity could spread through the oceans, leading to a rise in birth defects and cancer deaths.

MP's porn role rattles pro-Catholic party


Wöhrl: "I was just an ordinary schoolgirl"

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

DAGMAR Wöhrl, the former beauty queen turned politician, has embarrassed her conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union party by admitting she appeared naked in a soft-porn film.

Bild yesterday published a front-page photograph of Frau Wöhrl wearing only a white bridal veil and long white socks and immediately raised the question: how long can she remain a deputy? Her party, the most important government ally of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is about to launch a campaign to raise moral awareness.

Frau Wöhrl, 40, admits starring in the film, *When Chastity Belts Rattle in the Night*, when she was a schoolgirl of 19. She later won the Miss Germany 1977 title and used her prize money to finance a law degree.

She afterwards married a department-store magnate and entered politics. In last month's general election, she won an unusually high number of votes in her Nuremberg constituency and a bright future has been predicted for her.

The Christian Social Union (CSU), the regional party of Bavaria, is close to the southern state's powerful Roman Catholic hierarchy. The party's Catholic credentials were shaken recently, however, when Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister and party chief, left his wife for Irene Epple, a skiing star. Frau Wöhrl, who received the backing of some party colleagues yesterday, will probably add to the strain. "Actually I'm very proud of what has happened — it's significant that I have to be attacked by ransacking ancient stories rather than on any factual level," she said, adding: "I was just an ordinary schoolgirl at the time."

Peter Carstensen, a deputy for the Christian Democrats, seemed to agree. "We have communists and all sorts in our parliament, why not a girl who is sufficiently well shaped to give a few people some innocent pleasure?" he said.

Trial general says he is Moscow scapegoat

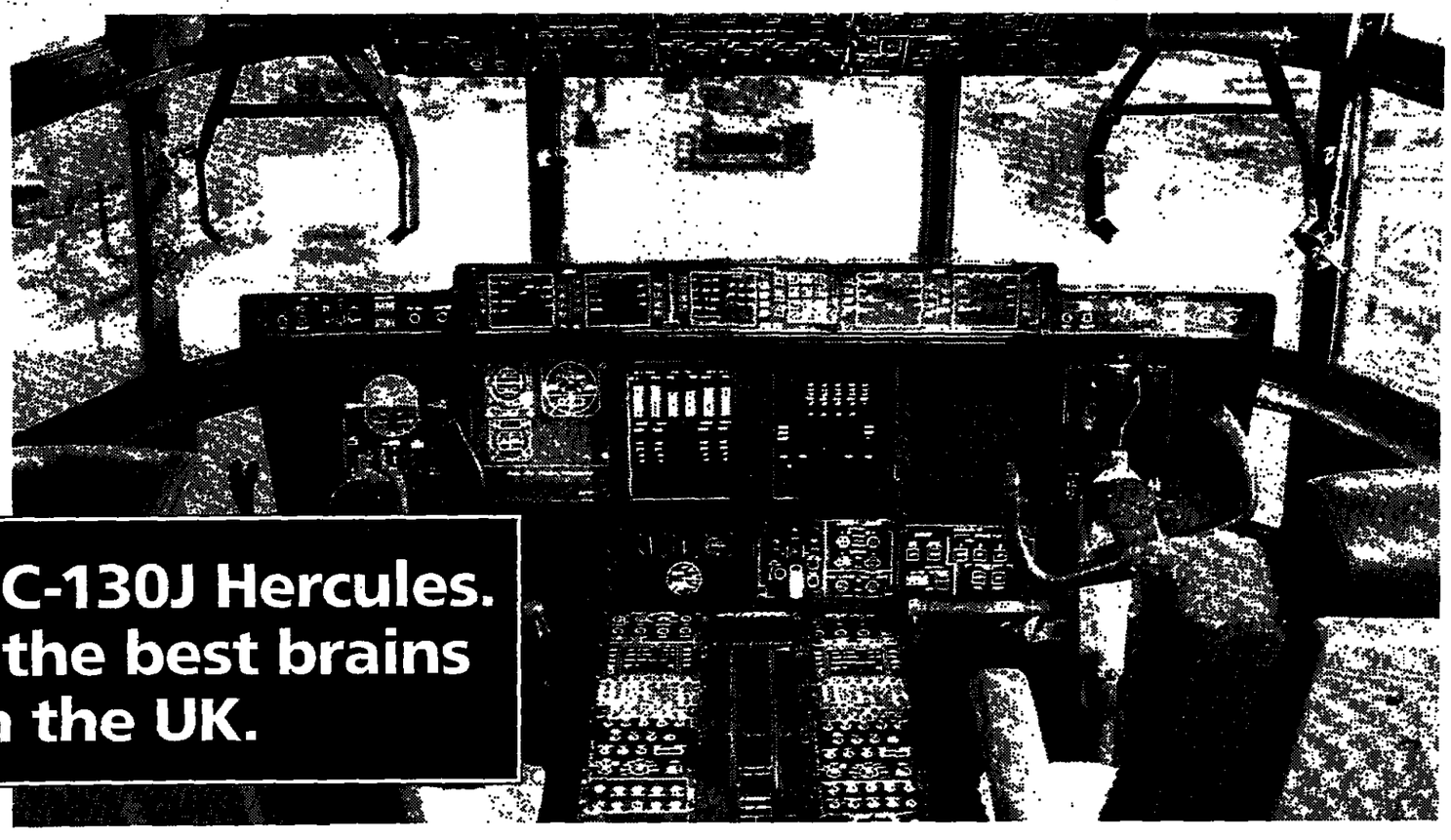
FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PROCEEDINGS against a senior Russian air force general accused of theft and bribery while serving in the notorious Western Army Group based in Germany began at the Supreme Court in Moscow yesterday.

In a case that could have damaging repercussions for the top ranks of the armed forces, General Nikolai Seliverstov, former first deputy commander of the 16th Air Force, was told he faced 15 years in jail if found guilty. He is accused of embezzling more than £25,000 of air force money, accepting bribes of more than £5,000, and of abusing his command over a two-year period.

Before a three-judge military panel, he denied a long list of charges and suggested that he was being prosecuted to cover up for more serious offences by his superiors.

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Japan told to compensate sex slaves

■ Tokyo still has much to do to shake off its wartime shame, Gwen Robinson writes from Tokyo. The international clamour for recompense is growing louder

AN international jurists' group has added to growing pressure on Japan to compensate victims of its wartime brutality, particularly women forced into sex slavery during the Second World War.

The Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists said in a report yesterday that Tokyo should pay so-called "comfort women" at least $40,000 (£25,000) each as interim compensation for the "unimaginable" violence and cruelty they suffered at the hands of Japanese soldiers before and during the war. The payments should be increased over time, it said.

The commission also called for the International Court of Justice to examine the comfort women issue — a proposal which, if taken up, could prove extremely embarrassing for Japan, particularly in the lead-up to next year's 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

The commission, an independent group of legal experts from around the world, began investigating the forced recruitment of comfort women last year, and compiled a report from information gathered by missions which visited Asian countries.

"The vast scale on which these atrocities were perpetrated is truly appalling," the report said. "It is clear that Japan bears a moral and legal obligation toward the victims." Historians estimate that from 150,000 to more than 250,000 Asian women, particularly Koreans and Chinese, were forced into a vast network of military brothels run by the Japanese army for its soldiers.

The Japanese government claims such estimates are exaggerated. However, it is yet to come up with its own official figure. Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, recently announced a $1 billion package of "collective compensation measures" for war victims and said that former comfort women would be among key beneficiaries.

However, details remain vague and the package has been thoroughly denounced by former comfort women throughout Asia, who are campaigning for individual compensation from Japan.

Tokyo insisted until this year that all compensation issues had been resolved through reparations, treaties and agreements concluded with countries invaded by Japan, including South Korea and the Philippines.

The approach of the 50th anniversary of Japan's surrender, however, has reminded the nation that many countries feel there are pressing issues to be dealt with from the war.

The revision of Japanese school textbooks, which until recently omitted some of the most infamous acts of the Japanese army, including the Rape of Nanking, has drawn further attention to the flaws in Japan's regional image. In a war-related development, the Japanese government officially admitted for the first time that bureaucratic bungling by its diplomats in Washington caused a crucial delay in breaking off diplomatic negotiations with the United States on the eve of Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

The information was contained in diplomatic files which were among more than 14,000 pages of documents declassified on Sunday by the government.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry yesterday expressed "deep regret" for the delay in delivering what Tokyo had intended to be a de facto declaration of war. The urgent message was delivered an hour after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

The Foreign Ministry's apology for the conduct of its envoys, however, was directed at the Japanese public, rather than the Americans, who lost 2,400 lives in the attack.

Commentators in the Japanese press, including the leading daily *Asahi Shimbun*, say that the failure to notify Washington before the attack is the cause of the distrust which many Americans still feel towards Japan in important negotiations.

Moscow: Oleg Soskovets, Russian First Deputy Prime Minister, will make a "great leap forward" in mending relations with Japan when he visits Tokyo at the end of the month, the Foreign Ministry said here yesterday. Its spokesman, Grigori Karasin, said Mr Soskovets would arrive in Japan on November 27, with the heads of Russia's biggest banks and companies. *(Reuter)*



A Filipina "comfort woman" with her daughter at a Manila conference on Japanese wartime atrocities

Big fight promoter signs up for Barry

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

MARION Barry, in suitably pugnacious style, has selected a millionaire boxing promoter to head his mayoral transition team in Washington.

However, it may take more than Rock Newton to protect the new Mayor from Republicans who have promised to undermine completely his next term in office.

Mr Newman, who donated $50,000 (£32,000) to his friend's re-election campaign, has become an indispensable aide to the politician. He has rarely left his side since Mr Barry was arrested nearly five years ago after being captured on film smoking crack with a former model in a hotel room.

Previously Mayor of the capital for 12 years, Mr Barry had left office in disgrace, his administration deeply in debt and tainted by corruption. Now Republicans, whose arguments against loose morals and counter-culture have achieved a resounding success almost everywhere else in the country, are faced in the capital by a man whose corruption, drug abuse and less than savoury antics behind bars are legendary.

Mr Barry was expected yesterday to announce how he plans to deal with a $400 million deficit in the city's budget and with his opponents in Congress.

"This is not going to be business as usual," he said. "We're going to change the face of government."

Mr Newman arrived for the announcement in a black Mercedes with "Rock" on personalised number plates. He will not be giving up his business interests or a stake in Riddick Bowe, the former world heavyweight champion, for a permanent place in the Barry administration, which begins on January 2. "No. No. We're going to step down and move away from it," he said.

Stones give cyberbuffs very little satisfaction

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE Rolling Stones are getting mixed reviews for their first live performance in Cyberspace, a 20-minute concert on the computer network known as Internet.

Scientists and computer specialists have hailed the event as a technological breakthrough. Rolling Stones fans, however, were less impressed. The concert, from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, marked the first time a leading rock band has driven onto the information superhighway to use technology that experts say will become standard.

The Stones' concert on Friday may have been a scientific first, but as a spectacle it was hardly the most memorable. Viewers complained of poor audio quality and a fuzzy picture the size of a postcard. One critic compared it to "listening to an album over the phone". Fewer than 225 computers worldwide have the power and telephone link needed for this sort of transmission.

As the concert revealed, the problem with interactive technology is that others can join in. A Palo Alto band and two Finnish impressionists managed to appear as well.

The multi-media group Thinking Pictures, and the computer company Sun Microsystems, which arranged and financed the broadcast, insist that while there are still problems with interactive performances the Stones' concert was a crucial first step towards computerised live entertainment.

The band's technological appeal has clearly reached a wide and influential audience already, as was shown when Thinking Pictures received an order for Rolling Stones memorabilia from this E-mail address: b.clinton@whitehouse.com.

Ukraine reforms win extra US aid

BY TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT Clinton was expected yesterday to raise by $200 million (£129 million) US aid to Ukraine as a reward for the former Soviet republic's moves towards economic reform and its agreement to destroy all nuclear weapons.

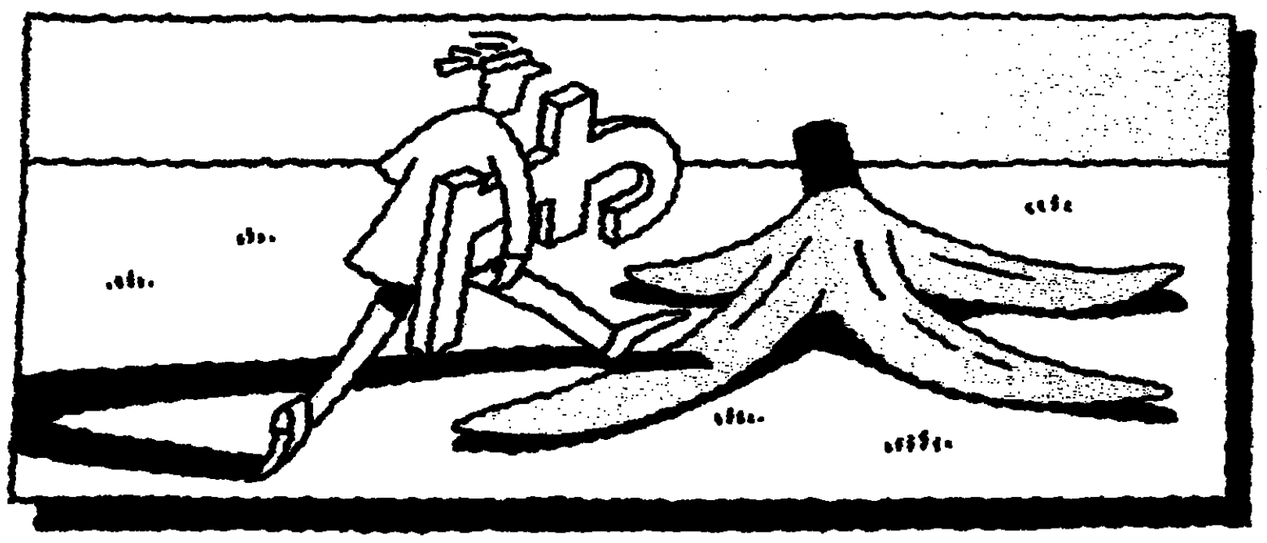
During the state visit of President Kuchma this week, Mr Clinton plans to offer the Ukrainian leader a total of $900 million. Earlier this year, America doubled aid to Ukraine to $700 million, making it the fourth largest recipient after Israel, Egypt and Russia. This underlines the American commitment to Ukraine as a linchpin of the new post-Cold War Europe and will also highlight Washington's criticism of its European allies for not doing more to back the reform strategy adopted by Mr Kuchma.

Strobe Talbott, the Deputy Secretary of State, said: "If Ukraine slips backwards or falls into instability it could drag much of the region with it." Officials say that America is contributing more than its share of aid while the European Union and Japan have failed to honour their promises.

In an effort to boost Mr Kuchma's stature at home, Mr Clinton recently upgraded the stay in Washington to a full state visit, including a state dinner last night.



Kuchma: state dinner at the White House



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Mandela applauds South Africa's rising arms trade

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela delivered an important boost to South Africa's expanding *multimillion-pound* arms industry yesterday by publicly giving it his personal blessing for the first time.

Opening Dexsa 94, Africa's biggest defence exhibition, in Johannesburg, Mr Mandela told delegates from 72 countries that the arms trade could make a crucial contribution to economic growth in South Africa. He cautioned against irresponsible arms trading, but said the arms industry offered an essential source of income for the country's reconstruction and development.

His public endorsement was welcomed by South Africa's arms manufacturers, who believe his support will help them to secure future deals. Abba Omar, speaking for Armscor, the state arms agency, said: "The President has for the first time unequivocally given his backing to the arms industry. It cannot be stressed how important his seal of approval is to us."

The significance of Mr Mandela's endorsement must be seen against the background of differences within the ruling African National Congress over arms spending. Last August Joe Slovo, the Housing Minister, criticised the plans of Joe Modise, the Defence Minister, for spending 4.6 billion rands (about £825 million) on defence when millions of South Africans are without homes.

Recognising that South Africa is emerging as a leading player in the world market and expects to double its exports this year, which would create 20,000 jobs, the hawkish Mr Modise is actively encouraging development of the weapons industry. On display yesterday were products designed during years of apartheid isolation and now attracting increasing numbers of overseas investors, including Britain. The Middle East is said to be South Africa's main export market. Cambodia is also a customer.

South Africa is competing against US and European manufacturers to sell its state-of-the-art Rooivalk (Red Falcon) attack helicopter to Britain, which is looking for 91 aircraft in a £200 million deal.

A ceasefire in the Angolan civil war came into effect yesterday amid reports of violations by both sides and confusion over the arrival of United Nations observers to monitor the transgressions. The peace deal, the third in the past five years, was celebrated with so much gunfire in the capital, Luanda, that 24 people were killed by stray bullets and a UN aircraft was peppered with rifle fire.

Newborn baby's cells offer sister a lifeline

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TINY Angelina Schwartz, who was born on Monday, is the only person who may be able to save her five-year-old sister, Christy, from dying of leukaemia.

Immediately after the delivery doctors in Cleveland, Ohio, extracted cells from Angelica's umbilical cord to donate to Christy, who was diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of 11 months.

Their parents, Jill and Randy Schwartz, decided to have another child after failing to find a bone marrow donor for their ailing daughter. Doctors calculated there was a one-in-four chance that another child by the same parents would be a suitable donor. The two sisters do have matching tissue types.

"We got more than enough cells ... it's hard to ask for anything better than this," Dr Susan B. Shurin said. The transplant operation will take place early next year and doctors say Christy now has a 20 to 30 per cent chance of recovery.



Jill Schwartz in Cleveland, Ohio, with her newborn daughter Angelina, who was conceived to save her sister from leukaemia through blood cell donation

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bangladesh diplomatic trip fails

London: A mission from the Commonwealth, in its first intervention in the internal affairs of a member state, has failed to persuade the Bangladeshi opposition to end its nine-month parliamentary boycott (Michael Binyon writes). The opposition accused Sir Ninian Stephens, the mission leader, of bias.

Killer executed

Huntsville, Texas: Warren Eugene Bridge, 34, who had been on death row for 14 years, has been executed by lethal injection for murdering a shop assistant. *(Reuter)*

Burma accused

New York: A United Nations rights report accused the Burmese armed forces of summary killings, torture, rape, and destroying property. *(Reuter)*

Rapist jailed

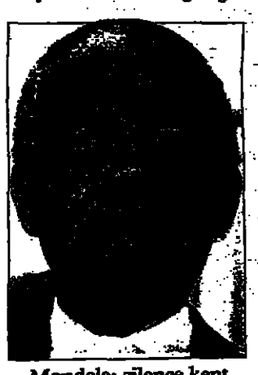
Manila: Noel Martin, a pedicab driver, was jailed for 30 years for raping a British tourist on a beach at Boracay island in the Philippines in June. *(Reuter)*

Princess Royal's praises sung on township tour

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE Princess Royal arrived in South Africa yesterday to be greeted by newspaper forecasts that President Mandela will be given a knighthood when the Queen comes here in March. Mr Mandela replied: "Let's wait until it comes ... an honour from the Queen very few people would refuse."

As she stood beside President Mandela, the Princess declined to comment, remarking: "I haven't said anything for years, and I'm not going to start now. I work on the principle, when I have just arrived, to keep my mouth shut."



Mandela: silence kept on knighthood rumour

The Princess immediately embarked on a tour of projects associated with charities in which she is interested. She started in Alexandra township, where Save the Children, of which she is president, helps to finance a crèche. Fifty children banged wooden bricks, shuffled coloured papers, wrote numbers, and sang a song. She called on Magdalene Mabetoa, 42, owner of a tiny shop. She also visited the Alexan Centre, where retired Britons from the British Executive Services Organisation, of which she is patron, assist in fund-raising and organising a library.

The Princess saw the Alex Peace Corps being trained, and spoke to Superintendent *Les House, from Scotland* Yard, who with Superintendent Ulli Burgmer, from Germany, is leading the training. She also called in on a community radio station.

At the Alex Clinic, near the outskirts of the township, a deafening crowd of women ululated and sang songs of welcome. "Princess Anne, *musabi wabasabi*, woman of women," they sang. Kim Goodman, manager of the research and development institute at the clinic, showed the Princess the work of the training school for health workers. The Overseas Development Agency has contributed £600,000 to the clinic.

The Princess will travel to Cape Town tomorrow and then Durban before leaving *for Mozambique on Saturday*. The Princess Royal is undertaking the first royal tour of South Africa since George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1947. Mr Mandela praised her for "doing a remarkable job throughout the world in her commitment to the welfare of children", adding: "The work she is doing is very impressive and praiseworthy." He said he had raised the plight of street children and of the 20,000 children in South African prisons.

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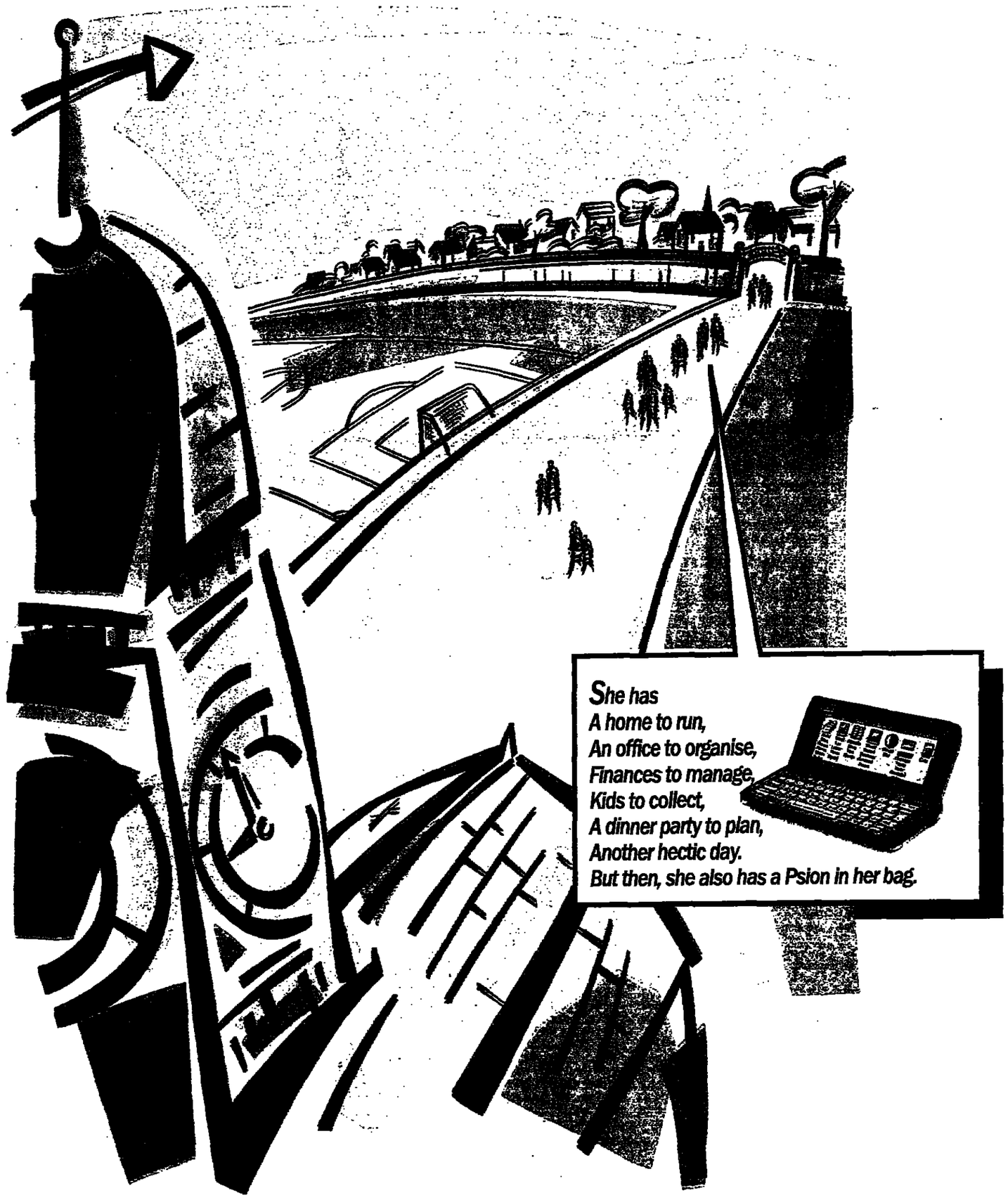
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Tidings of the Queen's Message came as a rude reminder of the diplomatic hazards involved in organising a family Christmas

Whose turn to have Aunt Ivy?



LIBBY PURVES

BAH, humbug, a plague on ITV for bringing up the subject! There we all were, enjoying a balmy November spring, lulled into a false sense of security by reports that the philodendrons are blooming at Kew. We had quite forgotten about Christmas Day, until ITV flew its kite about changing the time of the Queen's Message. The suggestion stirred up Mary Whitehouse, who, as outraged as an auntie finding packet stuffing on her plate, condemned the proposal as an attack on the traditional family Christmas Day. She was echoed, as if from the depths of the best armchair, by a sort of universal grumpy uncle described as "James Hill, chairman of the Conservative backbench Constitutional Affairs Committee", who underlined the momentousness of the proposed change by accusing ITV of "chipping away at traditional values".

So ITV good-naturedly gave in, for the moment. But it was too late. The rest of us were jerked from our warm November doze and cruelly reminded that something has to be done about Christmas. Not long to go: arrangements must be made, olive branches offered to touchy relations who will otherwise haunt you, with the image of their solitude: delicate negotiations must be gotten under way over who is going to tell Granny that certain hip elements are flying to Thailand instead; student rebels must be persuaded that charity begins at home, so no, it is not clever to volunteer for Crisis at Christmas and leave widowed Mum weeping alone into the plum pudding.

Treaties must be ratified regarding the deployment of less lovable relatives ("We've had Ivy two years running, and her Shi-Tzu ate our hamster. It's your turn. OK, toss you for it"). Then Ivy must be telephoned by the loser and begged to come, as a favour. This is called the Christmas Spirit.

Young couples with new babies find themselves engaged in razor-edge diplomacy. Telephone calls must be made in the correct sequence if neither set of parents is to be mortally offended. Even so, itineraries may have to be set up involving Christmas Eve with his mother in Leicester, an early start to make Portsmouth for her big family lunch, and Boxing Day with the cousins in Norwich. As for stepfamilies, their lot hardly bears thinking of.

Meanwhile the few uncommitted souls who have the power to bestow their undemanding company wherever they wish suddenly find themselves hot commodities. Wise tribes know that nothing improves a family party like dilution.

Even when you have assembled the cast, the script presents problems. This was inadvertently underlined by Mrs Whitehouse over the Queen's Message. "At 3pm people are getting ready for their lunch," she claimed. "The children are opening their presents and the broadcast keeps them quiet." Some people will see nothing wrong with that, because they belong to the late-lunch tendency. Others, like me, are affronted: surely our own family rituals are the only correct ones? Lunch at one sharp, finish eating in time to watch HM in tipsy, paper-hatted solemnity, and only then move to the Main Presents. Mrs Whitehouse's system sounds louche to us. But neither sect can bear the idea of aliens such as the Early Morning Openers, or the dangerously continental Christmas Eve Feasters.

Christmas is the last regular social ritual: doing it wrong can rock families to their foundations. Consider the traumatic shock to a man whose father always put the tin star on the tree personally, with the children lined up watching, when he comes home to find that his bride has cavalierly slapped a plastic fairy on top without even consulting him. Or to a woman brought up to believe it morally vital to have a family walk on Christmas afternoon, rain or shine, when she realises she has married a man who shimps in front of daytime TV.

Add Uncle Joe, who considers modern children to be spoilt rotten, Auntie Martha who thinks it such a shame that they play with guns when they should be in church, and the brother-in-law from hell who lurches in half way through the Queen's Message with chocolate phalluses for everyone, and you really have something to look forward to. Something to start planning, right now. God help us weary gentlemums.

Spot the great survivor

John Major's demise has been predicted so many times it is a political cliché. How does he do it?



FIONA HANSON

The full wax: John Major (left) — one of the longest-serving world leaders this century — with his likeness at Madame Tussaud's

Next week John Major starts his fifth year as Prime Minister. Among some of the press there will be surprise that he is still here.

He is used to this. It apes the bemusement which greeted his arrival in Downing Street in 1990. It echoes the scepticism felt at his first anniversary in 1991. It mirrors our astonishment after the 1992 election that he was here at all. It recalls our doubt, on his third anniversary in 1993, that he could survive much longer. It foreshadows the bafflement which will meet his fifth anniversary next year, and (I rather think) his sixth in 1996. He will then be moving into his seventh year as Prime Minister.

For a celebration party next Monday, Mr Major could do worse than invite Shirley MacLaine to sing *I'm Still Here*. He is. More to the point, a great many others aren't. I have been keeping a little list.

During Mr Major's first month as PM he met Yitsak Shamir, the Prime Minister of Israel, Charles Haughey, the Irish premier, and, of course, George Bush. Shamir has gone. Bush has gone. Bush's successor is in trouble. Haughey has gone. And last week Haughey's successor went, too.

Those were the earliest encounters. But before Christmas, 1990, there were plenty more old elephants of the European jungle to meet. Mr Major went to Rome for his first EC summit. How must the other 11 of his European colleagues have viewed the new British PM? A temporary phenomenon, it was said. Hardly worth bothering to remember the name. Six of those 11 have since gone. Mr Major is still here.

Then came the Gulf War, when the nation saw him visiting the troops and tittered at his casual jersey. In March, 1991, as Mr Major went to view his new wax model at Madame Tussaud's, it was suggested that our PM's health was proving unequal to the job. By now he had seen off two Indian prime ministers and the premier of Finland. The men in white coats, like the men in grey suits, were being kept waiting at the door.

July brought the G7 meeting, which Mr Major chaired. Of the other six leaders, four (from Japan, Canada, Italy and the United States) have perished: only President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl now survive in office. Plus Mr Major, of course.

Another Japanese administration tottered as he rose for his first leader's speech at the Tory conference that autumn. He had already outlasted 11 world leaders and, as the Indian Prime Minister fell, Mr Major's third Turkish counterpart took office. He, too, (Demirel) has now gone.

The approach of Christmas 1991 brought the Maastricht Summit. It was said that Mr Major was negotiating from a position of hopeless political weakness. Six of those heads of government have been booted out since. He's still here.

Over Christmas and the New Year, as an Australian prime minister was shown the door, Gorbachev went and Charles Haughey fell. Meanwhile, Britain smiled at Mr Major on *Desert Island Discs*. The programme-makers were anxious to get him on fast, before his certain defeat in the imminent general election. He won the election. Nobody could believe it. By now, 18 world leaders had tumbled since his own accession.

March 1992 had brought the fall of the second of three French prime ministers Mr Major has seen off. April saw the fall of the first of three Italian prime ministers — Andreotti, Amato and Ciampi — whom Mr Major has outlasted. Now in office in Japan was Kiichi Miyazawa, the second of four Japanese prime ministers whose fall Mr Major has recorded from Downing Street.

In July, 1992, the Tories suffered their first Commons defeat (over MPs' pay). It was immediately hailed by some as the beginning of the end of Mr Major's authority. In Israel, Shamir fell. Two months later the pound sterling plummeted out of the ERM. Could John Major's fall now be far behind? Mr Major did not fall, though within a few months, a Danish, Brazilian, a Canadian and an American leader had fallen. John Major was now on his second US President.

By October, Mr Major's most serious challenger for the leadership, Michael Heseltine, hit the rocks with his plans for the coal industry. But the newspapers announced that John Major was now the most unpopular PM since polling began. He was "lonely and stressed," they said. With Neil Kinnock's exit he was now facing his second leader of the Labour Party.

The following month (November 1992) John Major first ran into trouble over the Maastricht debate. The press, furious that its predictions had again been thwarted, said he was permanently lamed. It was only a matter of time, they said.

Spring, 1993 (another French prime minister goes) brought by-election and local government election defeats. Senior backbenchers, it was reported, were "putting their leader on a year's probation".

At this stage, some 32 world leaders had gone since Mr Major entered Downing Street. In June, Mr Major sacked his Chancellor, Norman Lamont, who responded with a bitter attack on his authority. The media reported that the PM had been wounded, perhaps critically. Another by-election was lost. In July, in an exercise of remarkable parliamentary brinkmanship, Mr Major survived the final Maastricht vote. Enemies, irritated that he had confounded their predictions, gave him a few months more.

MATTHEW PARRIS

The Prime Minister's visit to Japan was dogged by persistent talk of a leadership contest back in Britain. Mr Major was visiting his third Japanese premier. Today he is on his fifth. The turn of the year brought the "back to basics" row. Mr Major had stumbled badly, every commentator agreed. Still stumbling, apparently, he had by February 1994 survived some 47 world leaders.

There followed a storm over Qualified Majority Voting — an issue now forgotten but which at the time prompted one Tory backbencher to call for Mr Major's resignation, and another, John Carlisle, to undertake to challenge him for the leadership. Mr Major did not resign. Now, John Carlisle has withdrawn his threat. In May, when John Smith died, Mr Major prepared to face his third Leader of the Opposition.

For Mr Major, we said, it was a matter of surviving the summer and, if he was lucky, getting through this year's Tory conference in one piece. Over the summer a Dutch prime minister bowed out.

Well, he does seem to have survived the summer. Another Queen's Speech is behind us, another Irish premier gone. As Mr Major squares up to yet another "make or break" parliamentary confrontation over Europe, his tactics described, I notice, as "a desperate gamble", I calculate that he has now seen out 25 prime ministers, 18 presidents and three other titled world leaders. He has seen a further 12 prime ministers, two presidents and one titled leader both in *and* out.

Only about a third of British prime ministers since 1782 have served longer in a single stretch. If Mr Major fell tomorrow, he would already be among this century's longer-serving premiers. He is 51.

The press, wearying at last of predicting this Prime Minister's imminent downfall, now drop casually into their commentary the absolute presumption that he must lose the next election.

If I were Mr Major I would be rather encouraged by that.

Racism and the barmy Laird of Nigg

How a British magazine inspired a controversial American bestseller

NUMBER ONE Darnaway Street is one of the grander houses in the West End of Edinburgh's New Town. Today it is divided into flats. But 30 years ago it was the town residence of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Gayre of Gayre and Nigg, KCN, GCMM, KCL, KCCI, Hon KMV, GCLJ, MA, DPhil, DPolSc, DSc. Goodness knows what half the initials mean, but he is, by his own account, Chief of the Clan Gayre, a Knight of St Lazarus, has collected six knighthoods, three international Grand Crosses, and is a colonel of the honorary kind thanks to the state militias of Alabama and Georgia. He also claims to be a world expert on race, ethnology, genetics and inherited characteristics.

Col Gayre is still alive, aged 87, and living a reclusive life in Minard Castle near Inveraray in Argyll, where his colourful past is reflected in armorial decorations, heraldic memorabilia and portraits of popes, kings, ancestors and himself. He is an eccentric, but not exactly a lovable one. For he has, throughout most of his life, sought to publicise views on race and intelligence which are not only widely discredited today, but have branded him an extremist in the eyes of most mainstream academics.



'The negro race is feckless and does not worry about the future'

ROBERT GAYRE

The reason the colonel is once again, in his twilight years, under scrutiny is the magazine he founded and edited, back in 1960, in the top flat at Darnaway Street. *Mankind Quarterly*, devoted to the study of ethnology, genetics and racial history, has survived ever since, and although its base has moved from Edinburgh to Washington it still exerts a baleful influence in the minefield that is anthropology today.

In the latest issue of *The New York Review of Books* an American writer, Charles Lane, reveals that it is *Mankind Quarterly* which provided some source material for *The Bell Curve*, a book which has stirred controversy in America by asserting that blacks are biologically inferior in intelligence to whites and Asians. Written by Charles Murray and Richard J. Herrnstein, *The Bell Curve* argues that little or nothing can be done to raise the ability of those with "impaired" IQs, since so much of their lower intelligence is due to heredity.

Five of *Mankind Quarterly*'s articles are cited in the book, and no fewer than 17 researchers listed in the bibliography have contributed to the magazine. Ten are present or former editors or members of its editorial advisory board. Lane found this interesting because, in its field, *Mankind Quarterly* is known as a journal of "racial history", founded and funded by men who believe in the genetic superiority of the white race.

In its time it has run articles by most of those who make up the iconography of the Right in matters of race and intelligence, publishing endless variations of IQ tests demonstrating the under-achievement of Negroes in comparison to their white counterparts.

Gayre himself was always careful to argue that he was not a proponent of white supremacy and was entirely hostile to Nazism. But in Volume Two of *Mankind Quarterly*, responding to attacks on his journal, he revealed his colours. "The crimes of the Nazis," he said, "did not justify the enthronement of a doctrine of a-racialism as fact, nor egalitarianism as ethnically and ethically demonstrable." It is not surprising to learn that he was an early champion of apartheid.

I first heard of Robert Gayre in relatively innocent circumstances when he objected strongly in the early Sixties to the use by my father of his family name in a novel called *The House of Gair*. He threatened legal action, then announced he would be sailing North in his motor yacht to pay a visit to our family home in Nigg on the Cromarty Firth. He was, he said, the hereditary laird of Nigg, as certified by Scotland's chief herald, the Lord Lyon King at Arms. In the event neither writ nor yacht arrived.

Four years later, in 1968, he was locked in legal action against *The Sunday Times*, which had revealed that Gayre had been prosecuted, though acquitted, under the Race Relations Act for distributing material "likely to stir up racial hatred". He had been handing out a pamphlet attacking liberal integrationist policies which were "turning Britain into a mongrelised and Communist-dominated slum".

The exchanges in court reported by *The Sunday Times* were revealing. At one point Gayre told his defence counsel: "Nearly all our foresight and acquisitiveness is due to the high development of the temporal lobes. This is not anything like so developed in the Negro race, and as a result they are feckless, they are not worried about the future — and they do not suffer from ulcers as a consequence."

As *The Sunday Times* pointed out, this was not only offensive but inaccurate on every score, and there was no lack of experts to say so. Gayre, stung by the rebuke, brought a costly libel action which he lost, not least perhaps because the jury listening to his arguments on race and intelligence concluded that they were fairly barmy.

Barmy they may have been, but harmless they probably were not. Despite the regular demolition of academic views which, when taken to their extreme, are venomously racist, 26 years on the *Mankind Quarterly* which Gayre founded is still in publication, and still churning out its unlovely views. Judging by the awful success of *The Bell Curve*, it seems that there is still an appetite for the maverick views of the Chief of Clan Gayre.

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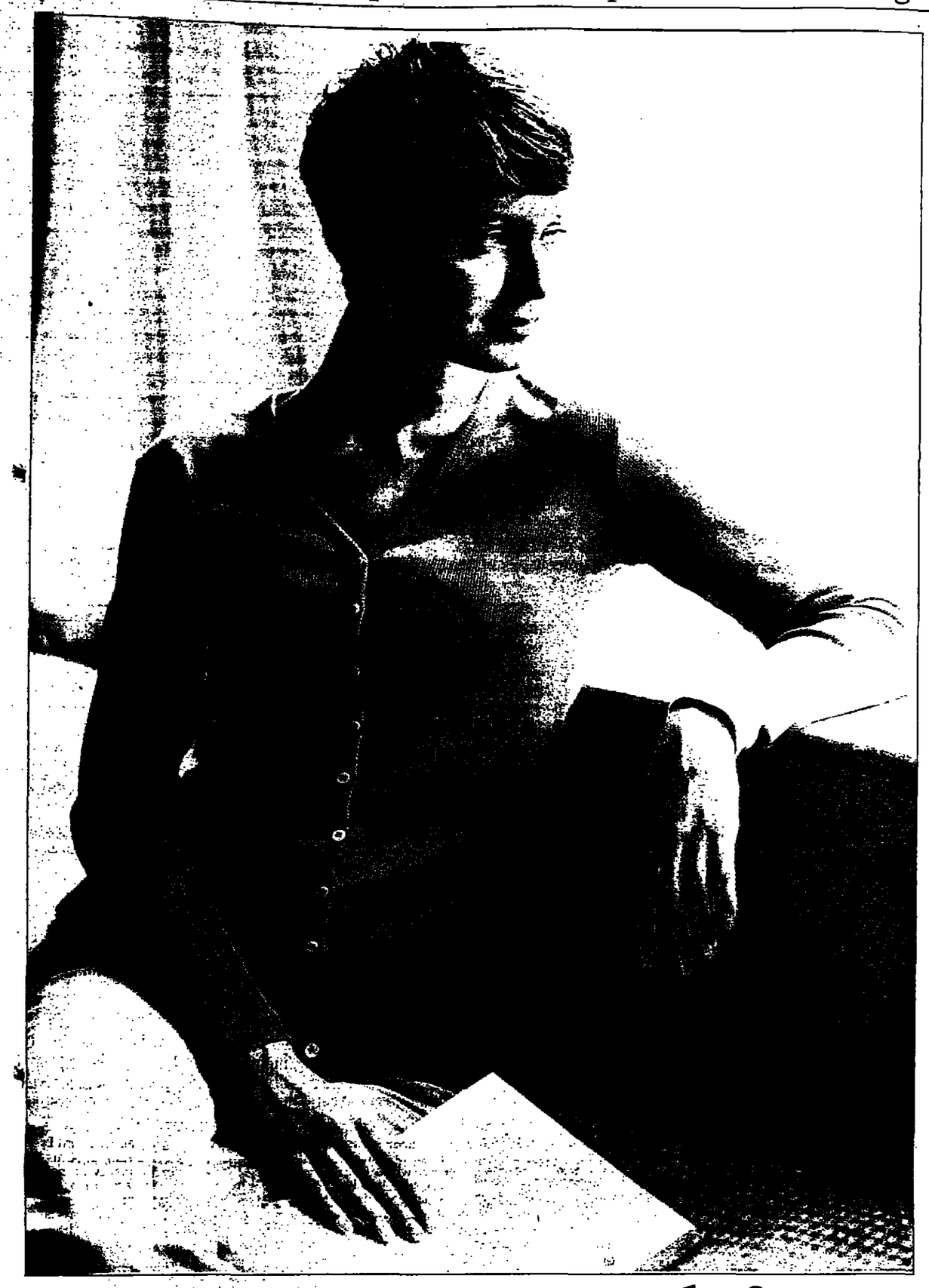
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RIGHT: Earth brown Donegal sweater, £72; denim jeans, £32.

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Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

"IT'S FAIR to say there are people who will never buy by mail, but those who do are a significant minority group. I knew this when I set up my business."

David Kranz, the man behind the Racing Green mail order clothing company, has no illusions that his style of shopping-by-post is for everyone. Yet three years after the launch, business is booming, with seven catalogues throughout the year.

"At the beginning of the 1990s there was nothing really new to do in retail in this country, but mail order had been totally ignored," he says. "It was huge in the US. They had all these little specialogs [specialised catalogues]. It just seemed like a good thing to explore.

"The mail order industry in this country had been static, with companies geared to the lowest-paid — their main attraction being that they offered credit."

Kranz admits that he was influenced by the success of the American company Lands End, and the Racing Green look is definitely in the same mould, what Kranz describes as "comfortable and reasonably-priced clothes in good quality fabrics and great colours". The kind of clothes that will never be stars on the international catwalks, but will certainly take a leading role in the modern day wardrobe: useful, unpretentious, and sufficiently anonymous to wear year-in, year-out, when the designer items have been cast aside.

"We pick up on what we see people wearing in the street, or what we, at Racing Green, enjoy wearing," Kranz says.

He first became involved in the fashion business in the late 1960s when he worked as a shop assistant at Take Six, one of the hippest boutiques in the King's Road. In the 1970s he had his own shop, Belt Up, one of Britain's first specialist jeans emporiums. In 1979 he launched the menswear retail chain Blazer, which he eventually sold for £5.4 million to the Storehouse Group.

Even though Kranz has eschewed the traditional style of trading, the lure of the high street, prompted by the instant success of his mail-order catalogue, saw him open a Racing Green store in the heart of London's West End at the end of 1993. At the beginning of December he will open another store in Manchester, "to attract the other half of the population who like to go shopping," he says. "The two work very well. I think other retailers may well bring out catalogues for their products. The catalogue helps to advertise the retail side, while the people who go into store may then buy by mail order."

Kranz admits that it is easier to evolve the collection when he sees it in store, but the catalogue has a more practical plus. "It's not possible for us to support a Racing Green store in Newcastle but we have lots of customers there. You can penetrate the entire country with mail order," says Kranz.

IN TURN the customer benefits. Mail order allows a person who is not near a shopping centre, or someone who can't or doesn't want to go out, to shop from home. It gives them choice.

For the armchair Christmas shopper, the basic nature of Racing Green's designs means that they will never be unwanted, left in their wrappings at the back of the wardrobe. You can never have too many straightforward sweaters or shirts (neither overly designed nor unusually patterned), and jeans-style trousers in denim, corduroy and moleskin are utilitarian. The latest Christmas catalogue offers lots of gift ideas and the company guarantees to deliver by Christmas if you order by December 22.

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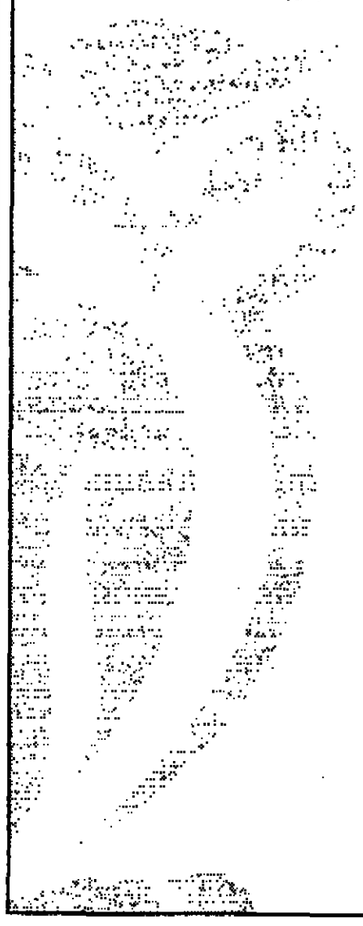
● THE abundance of gauzy knits and diaphanous floral dresses worn by day has meant that underwear is increasingly on show. Basic black and white is being left on the shelf in favour of exotic pink, chocolate, turquoise and acid green. For one of the best selections of hot lingerie in London visit Agent Provocateur owned by Serena Rees and Joe Corre, the son of Vivienne Westwood. Prices start at £20. The shop opens next Monday at 6 Broadwick Street, London W1 (071-439-0229).

● CARTIER, the jewellers, made its screen debut on Monday evening with an advertisment shown on Channel 4. Directed by the master American photographer Herb Ritts, the short film features models Tatijana Patiz, Rosemary McGrotha and Laetitia Herrera. Shot in black and white, the mood is Cartier lifestyle rather than in-your-face jewellery promotion. The soundtrack is a rendition by Elton John of Edith Piaf's "La Vie en Rose". The ad goes on general release on television and in cinemas on December 5.

● JAEGER is playing host to two charity shopping evenings on November 29 and 30 at its flagship store on Regent Street, London W1. Customers are invited from 6pm to 8.30pm to enjoy a fashion show, a preview of the spring-summer collection, plus workshops, a gift wrapping service and a prize draw. Proceeds from the event will go to the children's charity Barnardos. Admission is £5 per person. For advance tickets contact the Jaeger customer inquiry service (071-494 2060).

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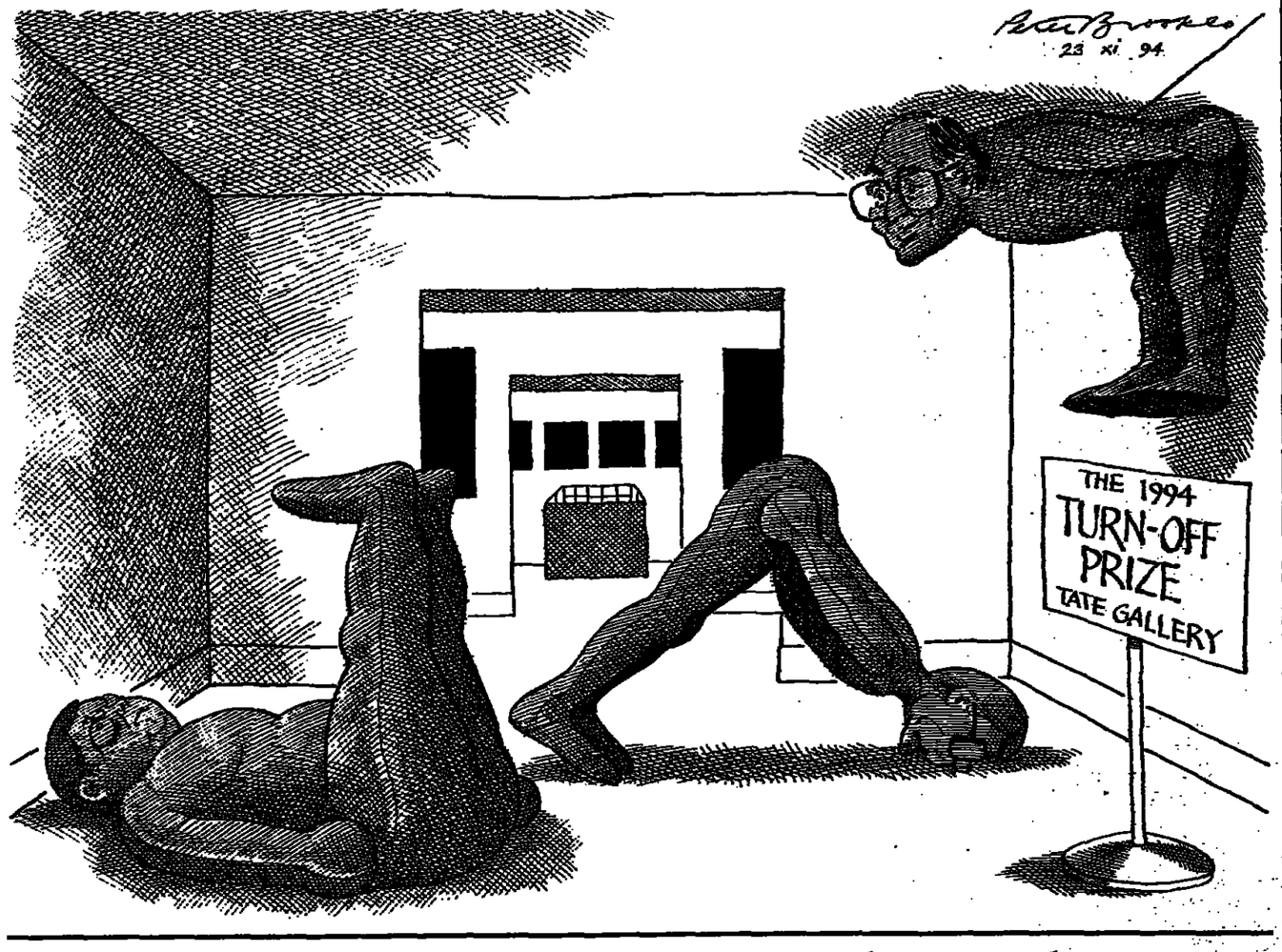
I say signed the duck, but what I mean is he has signed the label wired to the duck's leg. This puzzled me somewhat when I opened the box, because you know what split-seconds are, a lot can happen in them, and my first thought was that the duck was called Sam Ho Lee and wore the sealed label on his leg because it was some kind of homing duck which, since it was dead, had tragically failed to home and been put in a box by a well-wisher. I did not wonder why the well-wisher had then sent the dead homing duck to me, because the split-second was by the this time all used up, and my attention had moved on to the letter lying beside the duck. I should tell you here, so that you have a clear picture of the scene, that this was an entire duck, head, legs, wings, lacking only feathers. Instead of feathers, it appeared to be dressed in a tight-fitting shiny brown catsuit. I did not discover it was actually dressed in a tight-fitting shiny brown duck-suit until a little later, when I took it out of its box, and it crackled.

That was after I read the letter. The letter explained that this duck had been sent to me by Sam Ho Lee Enterprises of Kowloon, in the hope that I would publicise his Flying Duck Service in time for Christmas. The dead duck in the box was a review copy: I would eat the duck, do a column about what a terrific duck it was to eat, and *Times* readers would then beat a path to Sam's door, or at least their credit card numbers would, with the result that dead boxed ducks would swarm out of Kowloon to grace Yuletide boards throughout Britain. They also made wonderful presents, said Sam, adding the usual guff about imagining the faces of friends and relatives lighting up with joy when . . .

He also — for the benefit of those who were in fact imagining the faces of friends and relatives staring sightlessly at the ceiling from pennied eyes — assured me that this was a wind-dried duck, and could not go mouldy and kill people. It was, indeed, guaranteed not to do that. I had Sam's word for it. It is a word I shall have to take, because I do not know what wind-dried ducks are or how they get that way: if they just hang on clothes-lines all over Kowloon, I can't see why that should stop them before Sam Ho Lee does. Maybe he hangs them up indoors and leaves the window at either end of the premises open so that the wind can do its stuff, who can say?

Whichever, it answered, albeit without my understanding how, any queries as to why, if Sam was trying to corner the Christmas market, he hadn't gone in for turkeys. Wind-dried turkeys would be out of the question. You would need two men to lift each one onto its hanger. Labour costs would be prohibitive.

Is this, then, the column about eating the duck? *I'm afraid not. I cannot eat it. It is not* fear of wind-dried bacteria which stays my bib, nor irritation at Sam's judgment of me as a man to go to if you need to shift stiff poultry, it is the fact that this isn't meat at all, it is a duck. Rigid, yes, glazed, perhaps, but by these very tokens Pompeiian: caught, perfect, in its terminal throe, forever quacking and forever young. You can't go at a little chap like that with a knife and fork, especially at Christmas. It would be like eating Tiny Tim.



Poll tax on wheels

What is universally agreed to be a bad idea can all too easily become official policy

Tomorrow the Government is expected to announce that Railtrack is to be privatised as a matter of urgency. The Treasury needs the money. The property, track and signalling equipment of Britain's railways (not the trains) will pass to a single, private, non-competitive company. Railtrack will join British Gas as one of the country's largest monopolies. Its profits, though doubtless not its top salaries, will depend on government subsidy and regulation.

By happy coincidence, a book is published this week called *Failure in British Government: The Politics of the Poll Tax* (by David Butler, Andrew Adonis and Tony Travers). Every minister and civil servant involved in the Railtrack decision should read it. The book tells how the flawed processes of British government can turn fine intention into ghastly error. It is not an attack on the poll tax, merely a searing analysis of its rise and fall. In particular, the authors hunt that elusive Snark of poll tax studies: how an idea that all knew to be the worst available option could rise to be the "flagship of the Government". To those now struggling to privatise BR, I can only cry, remember the poll tax. Read this book.

Abolishing the rates was dead as a policy in 1984. Two White Papers, in 1981 and 1983, had rejected any other local tax as impractical, including sales tax, local income tax and poll tax. Rate-capping had been introduced instead. Margaret Thatcher had conceded all this and turned on the miners instead. According to the book, what began the rot in September 1984 was the political vulnerability of the then Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin. Faced with rebellious local councils and a furious party conference, he offered to re-examine rates abolition as an option. Mrs Thatcher was reluctant. She was averse to "raising expectations we cannot meet". But Jenkin survived his conference and delegated the review to William Waldegrave and Kenneth Baker, junior ministers with "spurs to win as One of Us".

What happened next is laden with significance. One of the "brightest teams ever brought together" was formed. Poll tax was fathered by raw politics but mothered by Whitehall's love of fine minds. The ambition was to find a tax that was "fairer" than rates, and which put "accountability" into local democracy. Both goals were admirable. Every step towards them proved a step farther away. Poll tax was everywhere seen as less fair than rates, and (with two exceptions) its size was blamed not on local councils but on central government.

The team was led by Waldegrave, and included officials and a handful of outsiders, apparently handpicked to have no link with local government or with previous failures to abolish rates. The team included lawyers and academics. Advisers who became sceptical, such as Tom Wilson and Sir Leonard (now Judge) Hoffman, were gradually excluded. Enthusiasts, such as Sir Christopher Foster, were kept aboard. Hoffman wrote that the tax would be expensive and difficult to collect. It would be not fair but regressive. This would make it unpopular and entail costly rebates. The Treasury hated the tax for the same reason. But the team was reporting to Downing Street, offering "answers not questions". As Mrs Thatcher became more convinced, so it became more confident. Every benefit of the tax was exaggerated, every defect suppressed. It was a classic instance of how not to handle a controversial constitutional reform.

Within six months, Jenkin, Baker and Waldegrave had their new tax passed both by the Prime Minister and by the Cabinet. That Cabinet meeting was the one out of which Michael Heseltine stormed over Westland: he might have won the leadership if he had left over the poll tax. Only Nigel Lawson registered reasoned opposition — though he wanted to give local councils less accountability, rather than more.

To most of the Cabinet, this at last was *something to calm the rage of the revalued ratepayers of Scotland* and the "little old widows of the shires" who dominate Tory tax philosophy. Scottish Tories, led by George Younger, Malcolm Rifkind and Gerry Malone, were frantic for the tax, seeing it as an electoral elixir. (It wiped most of them off the map in 1987.) Lord Whitelaw pressed for action. Something "had to be done about" local government. Patrick Jenkin's team offered something it said could be done. Once a new engine was on the rails, it would never lack for fuel. Cabinet ministers of the time emerge from this study as scared, short-sighted and stupid.

The rest is history: the attempts of Nicholas Ridley, Chris Patten and David Hunt to reduce the tax's costs and soften its edges: the lies about its probable size; the refusal of the Treasury to lift capping; the fiendish web of safety-nets and transitional reliefs. All made the tax less accountable, harder to collect and more expensive to the Treasury. Patten is recorded as swearing at the Treasury "bastards" for not giving him another £2 billion to reduce the tax. The authors estimate that implementing the poll tax cost the equivalent of 4p on income tax in each year of its life.

Simon Jenkins

The result was unprecedented public opposition. By 1989, 60-70 per cent in every opinion poll opposed it. There were riots in Scotland and England. The only heroes were the local councils that managed to collect at least most of it. Their finance officers deserve high honours, but poor bloody infantry are never praised when their generals err. The Scots Tories, who had pleaded for the tax, now turned tail and pleaded for abolition. The English Tories did likewise. The end in 1991 was greeted with a sigh of relief.

The book lists — and discusses — the ghosts at the poll-tax feast. Parliament was useless. Commons and Lords. Tory backbenchers tried a mini-revolt, but they have power only when a government has a small majority. Local government and its professional associations were left out of the loop, dismissed as "loony left". Sceptics were treated as wimps. Mrs Thatcher refused to be budged. The 1987 election manifesto mentioned a flat-rate community charge, but as part of "strengthening local accountability". The only public that mattered to ministers was at Tory conferences.

Like all great follies, the poll tax is disclaimed by most of its parents. Kenneth Baker complains that it was "fundamentally different" from what he had intended. Lady Thatcher says it only "needed more time". Nigel Lawson, Geoffrey Howe and Michael Heseltine, who all sat in poll tax Cabinets, now stress their opposition. Never was the maxim more true that for evil to triumph, virtue need only stay silent. William Waldegrave is one of the few who has both accepted responsibility and agreed that the tax proved an error. He remarked last year that there is "no magic wand to ensure that human decision-makers avoid mistakes".

Waldegrave and his team were the architects — and scapegoats — but they were not the clients. Architects often come up with fancy solutions to tough problems without appreciating the cost. The client was Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet. What is frightening about the poll-tax saga is the lack of awareness by the Cabinet collective of what was being done in its name. As one member said, "Full cabinet is a bit like the Commons: they mutter and murmur but assume it must be all right if it has passed Downing Street".

British Rail privatisation is, like the poll tax, a response to a problem: how to make railways more competitive in the private sector. The chosen model is the one agreed by every study in the late 1980s to be the worst. Segregating tracks from trains would fudge management responsibility and be bureaucratic and hard to sell to the private sector. Far better, privatise the whole thing or split it into regions or subsidiary businesses.

Instead, Whitehall's brightest minds were brought into play. British Rail and all other expertise was shut out. The Treasury arrived and, hey presto, the worst became the best. So far not a single operating franchise has been sold, and regulators and subsidisers are about to crawl over every inch of Britain's railways as never before. I wonder how many Cabinet ministers have a clue what is about to be announced in their name. I wonder how many will wish they had stopped to think. I calculate that Dr Mawhinney's trail of cordite will hit the BR dynamite in 1996. That should be the year of the election.

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The Tories' Whitehall farce

Peter Mandelson on the destruction of the Civil Service

If you were to ask William Waldegrave what was the main point of his Civil Service White Paper of July, he would probably say, to remove the Treasury's tight, centralising grip on the Whitehall machine. Transferring responsibility for mandarins' pay and rations to their respective departments sounds harmless enough, but while this might be the immediate purpose, the White Paper's effects will be more far-reaching. Taken together with other changes to the Civil Service, what supposedly started as a cost-drive exercise is in danger of ending up as an ideological vendetta.

Fragmentation of the Civil Service began with the introduction of competition and contracting-out in the delivery of public service. Management of many government functions has been transformed by the creation of a plethora of executive agencies across Whitehall, sharply reducing accountability to MPs and the public for many government decisions. Now, Civil Service policy-making has been moved into the firing line, with new management systems introduced which further threaten the existence of the unified service. Reducing the recruitment role of the independent Civil Service Commission, the introduction of personal contracts for senior officials, the use of outside monitors, and the application of performance-related pay will have a huge impact. Ministerial heads will have more indirect power over their officials, as career progression becomes more easily linked to political acceptability. Individuals will have less incentive to offer awkward advice to their political masters, as they opt for a quieter, safer existence. Neutrality will be eroded, as a more pliant, transient political machine starts to take over from the permanent, non-partisan Civil Service which Britain has cherished for over a hundred years.

How damaging will these changes be to our system of government? Probably those suffering least will be the civil servants who vote with their feet and quit because they do not like the atmosphere in which they are asked to work. They will miss the public-service ethic and strong personal motivation that brought them in in the first place, and the quality of public administration will be the poorer for their departure.

But the greater damage will be to the morale of those who remain, and, increasingly, to the performance of the 10 per cent who are closest to ministers advising on and implementing government policies. These officials are not benefiting from improved training, management or support as a result of the Government's reforms. There is no reason to think a higher quality intake will be recruited after the changes. Privately, civil servants are spending a lot of time muttering about the deterioration in the relationship between ministers and civil servants that is accompanying the changes. They object to the frequently cavalier attitude of ministers to the objective policy advice they offer, and to the personal abuse handed out by some ministers. There is an increasing feeling that ministers regard the Civil Service as their personal plaything. The dictum that the Civil Service is not the property of any single administration is more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

The changes need a careful response. The first issue is the dramatic scaling down of the machine itself. Recent cutbacks at the Treasury, for instance, mean that up to a third of senior posts are to go, and in time a quarter of Treasury staff are to be axed. Other departments will follow. Nobody opposes good housekeeping, but this axe is being wielded in aid not of better government, but simply of less government.

So Labour needs to ask whether the machine that is left behind is adequate — strong enough and sufficiently versatile — to implement the policies of an incoming administration. Labour needs to examine how the machinery of government has changed since is was last in power, and what reforms of its own should be carried out. These must be linked with the party's plans to decentralise government and democratise the powers currently held by unelected quangos. This is important not simply as a way to rebuild what the Conservatives have destroyed, but because at the core of Labour's policies is an argument for more public action, taken by the community, to meet objectives which have been neglected for 15 years. It is right for Labour to demand more government and to make clear how this will be better government. Work on this is only beginning.

Second, when the Prime Minister talks of the problems of maintaining standards of conduct in public life, he should understand that those problems would be much greater without the integrity, independence and political neutrality that are hallmarks of the Civil Service. As the bulwark of democracy and decency in public life, the service itself needs to be protected from political incursion. So the proposed code of ethics should be endorsed. Hitherto, ministers have been very sniffy about this, claiming that it is insulting to civil servants, but they should not reject it out of hand. Early next year the Scott inquiry into the arms-for-Iraq affair will report, and whichever individuals end up with their heads on the block, fault will also be found in Whitehall's standards generally. The Government will need an initiative with which to respond, just as the Nolan Committee was set up to deal with sleaze. A code of ethics might be just the ticket.

Case dismissed

NOTHING is sacred under Kenneth Clarke's regime, it seems. In a pre-Budget bite, that traditional emblem of the Treasury mandarin, his briefcase, embossed with a gold crown and the words "HM Treasury", is to fall victim to the financial cuts. Along with the dark suit, striped trousers (virtually obsolete), bowler hat (fast vanishing) and rolled-up brolly, the substantial black leather case was once *de rigueur* in Whitehall.

After axing a third of the great department of state's policy advisers, the eagle eye of Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury's top mandarin, scanned around. Costing £36.30 each (discounted for quantity) and supplied by Her Majesty's Stationery Office to up to 2,000 civil servants every year, the cases were an obvious target.

The HMSO's Patrick Nealon sighs: "It *is* sad, is it not? We have doubled our business in briefcases in the past few years, but part of the business is languishing, namely the traditional black leather briefcase." Nor do mandarins want the gold crest embossed on their cases any more, for security reasons.

Taking a surprisingly modernist view, Sir Hardy Amies refuses to bemoan their demise. "I've never used a briefcase — I prefer a shoulder bag," barked the dressmaker to the Queen. "Mine is one of my own design — made of saddle leather."

Long last

CONGRATULATIONS TO Robert Stephens, who tells me he is to tie the knot for the fourth time. The distinguished thespian, recuperating from liver and kidney transplant surgery, thought this an appropriate moment to wed his partner of 17 years, the Irish actress Patricia Quinn.

One guest at the Uxbridge register office on Monday week will be Stephens's first wife, Dame Maggie Smith.

"I'm 63 and nobody knows what is going to happen to me, so I thought it was about time," says Stephens. "And Pat gets sick to death of people calling her my common-law wife. Also, it makes it easier for our friends. When we went to stay with the Prince of Wales at Sandringham, the Palace called the manager of the theatre at Stratford to find out what they should call Pat."



Missing tapes

SAD NEWS for fans of the late Brian Johnston, including John Major: many of the late broadcaster's earliest gems from his 48 years of BBC transmissions are missing.

Of Johnners' "Let's Go Somewhere" features on the programme *In Town Tonight* in the late 1940s and '50s, when his live dare-devil antics included spending a night in the Chamber of Horrors and lying down between railway tracks, only six survive. His son Barry, who is compiling a collector's cassette, says: "We are on the scrounge. When I was growing up I was very blase about my father's work. But it's wonderful to discover what he did."

THE TIMES DIARY

● As Lord Wakeham celebrated his appointment as chairman of the Press Complaints Commission over lunch at the Garrick, I hear his successor as Leader of the Lords takes a more media-friendly stance. Viscount Cranborne is to revive the briefings for lobby journalists which were scrapped — by Wakeham.

Star turn out

CELEBRITIES turned out in droves to honour Elena Salvoni, the diminutive 74-year-old restaurant hostess, on Monday night for the reopening of Elena's L'Etoile in Charlotte Street.

George Baker, television's Inspector Wexford, confided that his favourite restaurant is the Ivy, but added: "I have been a fan of Elena's since 1949, when she was running Bianchi's. I have followed her around London ever since."

Skin deep

YESTERDAY'S ceremony at the Masters of Foxhounds Association and *Countryweek Hunting* Inter-Hunt conservation awards looked like a parade of the walking wounded. The indefatigable Leslie Weller, joint master of the Horsham and Crawley, shuffled along on walking-sticks following a horrendous fall. And Edmund Vestey, the Thurlow's joint MFH and huntsman, was moving gingerly with his arm in a sling after smashing his shoulder and ribs, and puncturing a lung.

But all injuries were forgotten when Princess Michael of Kent crooned: "I am entirely in favour of what you do — and I will do anything I can to help you."

Framed?

PETER DEIGHAN is clearly a talented but fated artist. His portrait of John Major waited months for its official unveiling. Now his latest work is looking forlorn on the easel at his Luton home: a portrait of Albert Reynolds.



Portraitist and portrait

Commissioned by Fianna Fail, the oil painting was due to be unveiled next month. Irish-born Deighan says: "His resignation was very disappointing for me personally."

But he has poignant memories of Reynolds's four sittings in Dublin's Leinster House. "He talked a lot about his friendship with John Major. He seemed to have enormous respect for him," says the artist.

And Deighan's next subject? "I'd like to do Bertie Ahern."

P·H·S

FOX IN THE FIRE

Tory MPs are testing their enthusiasm for a fight

The embers of discontent with the premiership of John Major are never fully extinguished. Every now and then they burst back into flames and this week they have been flickering anew. Since Parliament reassembled, each day seems to have brought worse news for the Prime Minister: the announcement that Sir Nicholas Bonsor is to challenge Sir Marcus Fox for the leadership of the backbench 1922 Committee is merely the latest in a line of mishaps running back from the Maples memo, through Post Office privatisation to all the allegations of sleaze. The atmosphere in the lobbies of Westminster has changed from bored gloom at the start of the session back to febrile plotting.

The charge against Sir Marcus, a Major loyalist, is that he has been representing the interests not of backbenchers but of the Prime Minister himself. When Sir Marcus warned MPs that the European Community (Finance) Bill would be treated as a matter of confidence, Mr Major said exactly the same thing on the following day. Backbenchers' suspicions rose that he was acting as the mouthpiece of No 10 instead of the sturdily independent chairman that the Tory infantry wanted and expected to see.

Sir Nicholas's challenge has to be taken seriously. He is no mere maverick, but a man of substance. Ranged behind him is an unlikely coalition of left-wingers, Euro-sceptics and MPs who are generally discontented with Sir Marcus's behaviour. At the back of their minds must be the thought that, in extremis, the chairman of the 1922 Committee would be the man who would have to break the news to a Tory leader that he no longer had the confidence of his backbenchers. Sir Marcus might not have the courage to do so; Sir Nicholas would.

The strength of support for Sir Nicholas in tomorrow's election could therefore be a sign of the depth of discontent with the Prime Minister. The ballot is secret, which makes voting for Sir Nicholas easier for those who do not want to be thought disloyal. Equally well, if it is too clearly made an issue of confidence, some MPs may be swayed to vote for Sir Marcus. Because the voting figures will not be officially made public, a slim victory for the incumbent would not necessarily be a great embarrassment.

If this week's hurdle is overcome, next week sees the confidence vote on Monday and the deadline for nominations for the party leadership on Wednesday. The chances are that, as with the 1922 election, both will go Mr Major's way, and the legacy will merely be a sullen and quietly mutinous group of Conservative backbenchers, a few of whom no longer even take the Tory whip. If a stalking horse were to be found, Mr Major would be unlikely to lose. But the damage would linger, as it did when Sir Anthony Meyer challenged Margaret Thatcher at a similar time in the last Parliament. The big difference here is that she had a far bigger group of intensely loyal supporters in the parliamentary party than he has.

Mr Major should still, however, be able to count on his own coalition — an even more various group than the one now assembling behind Sir Nicholas. However much the Euro-sceptics despise the Prime Minister, they see no chance of replacing him with their own candidate, Michael Portillo, this year. And the alternatives, Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, are even worse for them. This view they share with the Labour Party, which wants Mr Major to stay in place. Both intend to weaken the Prime Minister; neither, as yet, wants to topple him.

EMPTY SHELLS

Air attacks cannot conceal political disarray

Nato's airstrike on Udbina showed that the alliance was still capable of joint military action. That seems to have been its prime purpose: Douglas Hurd and Malcolm Rifkind duly gave thanks. The proficiency of the operation gratified Nato commanders. But in military terms, this was another pinprick — deliberately so, as was evident to the Serbs. It thus contributed almost nothing to what should have been Nato's objective, to halt Serb violations of United Nations resolutions and to protect the "safe area" of Bihac. The main threat to Bihac, now close to being cut in two, comes not from the air but from Serb tanks and heavy artillery. There is a large Serb battery on an isolated hill overlooking the town, an obvious military target. This Nato left untouched.

The Serbs have not been deterred. They have intensified their attacks against Bihac. Their reply to Nato was to fire missiles at two British Sea Harriers over Banja Luka, and to flout the "no-fly zone" declared by the UN yet again, this time using a helicopter gunship against Bosnian positions in the Bihac pocket. The overall effect has been further to immunise the Serbs to Nato threats. The Serbs know that the UN Protection Force commanders stayed Nato's hand, for fear of retaliation. By falling so wide of its political target, this Nato mission has weakened, not strengthened, Unprofor's authority.

For months, the UN has been unable to deliver humanitarian aid to Bihac or even to resupply the Bangladeshi contingent there, which has almost no weapons, even small-arms, and will run out of rations by Friday. Of 130 UN convoys which have set out since May, only 12 have got through. The other part of its mandate, to defend the Bihac "safe area", is on the verge of an even more humiliating failure than it experienced last April in Gorazde.

Unprofor gave warning yesterday that if the UN's virtually defenceless forces in Bihac come under "direct fire", if the Serbs continue to use Sam-2 missiles or if they overrun Bihac "completely", there will be further Nato strikes. But the adjectives offer significantly wide scope for interpretation. Much of the Bihac enclave is already overrun, villages are in flames, 60,000 civilians have been displaced and fighting rages in the suburbs of the town itself.

So far, the Balkan conflict has been geographically contained. Even that may not endure: Croatia's President Tudjman insists that unless the UN disarms the Krajina Serbs by January, he will not agree to Unprofor's continued presence in Croatia. So far is the UN from contemplating any such action that it did not even request a Nato response to Serb seizures of weaponry from a UN depot in a UN "protected area" in Croatia last weekend. If fighting resumes in Croatia, the UN's mission in Bosnia will rapidly become untenable. Still graver is the spreading political damage: to Nato, to the UN, and to Western relations with Russia.

Mr Hurd insists on the primacy of diplomacy, but the Allies must heal their own divisions before they can hope to convince the Serbs that they have no choice but peace. The only basis is a just peace which respects Bosnia's integrity, not a disguised partition of the country. Nato could, even now, provide some protection for the civilians of Bihac, but it cannot provide cover for political disarray.

MONASTIC MENU

Medieval monasteries were more than houses of gluttony

The caricature of the medieval monk as a gluttonous pot belly has been given a fresh lease of life by a work of serious scholarship. In her book *Living and Dying in England 1100-1540*, the Oxford historian Barbara Harvey calculates that the Benedictine monks of London were each consuming almost 7,500 calories a day, two and a half times what an active person might be expected to eat today. For lunch alone, each monk was rationed more than 3lb of meat; he would typically drink a gallon of ale a day, supplemented by wine on 60 feast days. Vegetables played only a minor role.

It is tempting to regard these findings as grist to the mill of historical stereotype. Miss Harvey's estimates might seem to support our Anglican folk memory of pre-Reformation monasteries as oppressive, greedy and godless institutions, embodying the spiritual decline of the late medieval era. Certainly, there is little doubt that the monks of Westminster lived a comfortable life and were well acquainted with the ways of the outside world. They dressed well, enjoyed private incomes and lived in private chambers. "Released from the burden of spiritual leadership, which passed to new orders and eventually to the friars," writes Miss Harvey, "the Benedictines achieved a remarkable degree of identification with the secular life of their times, and particularly with upper-class life".

Scholarly observations of this kind need to be read with the same care with which they are written. It does not follow from Miss Harvey's work that the Church in England was in a dire condition on the eve of the Reformation; quite the opposite, in fact. The Westminster community was spectacularly successful, matched in wealth only by Glastonbury Abbey. Its monks still occupied a key position in the religious life of the English upper classes, on whose behalf they said votive prayers for the dead. The monks may have enjoyed a high standard of living. That does not mean that they were neglectful of their spiritual duties.

Recent historical work has shown the success with which the secular and religious worlds interacted in the late middle ages. Large monastic communities such as Westminster were far more than religious institutions. At the very least, the well fed monks of Westminster were vital supporters of the local economy, which kept them supplied with food and drink. In a broader sense, many monasteries stood at the centre of vast landholding networks of the kind which nurtured the distinctive English system of property rights and individualism. Most had close links with the regional aristocracy or town elders. Monastic communities were as often the object of fervent loyalty as of popular resentment.

Historical debates of this kind matter because they reveal the extent to which our national memory was shaped by the propaganda of the early Protestant reformers. Only in the last decade has revisionist history properly challenged this cultural legacy and looked afresh at the spiritual life of England before the break with Rome. The monks of the old Church may have eaten too much; but that should not belittle the richness of their achievement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Concern over British Gas price rises and pay awards

From Mr Jonathan Holt

Sir, The announcements of gas price rises and a 75 per cent pay increase to British Gas's chief executive (reports, November 21, 22) show that in public relations terms the strategic management of that high public profile company is badly flawed. Surely, such publicity is a sign of inept management which deserves lower, not higher, remuneration.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN HOLT,
Manor Cottage, Maiden Street,
Weston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
November 22.

From Mr Dan Regan

Sir, Many critics misunderstand the principles behind the rises in salaries at British Gas. They are not a matter of fairness, they are concerned with the "market economy".

In this respect two questions need to be asked: had Cedric Brown, the chief executive, been considering leaving because the salary was inadequate? If not, was British Gas considering "sacking" him in order to attract a more competent replacement? If neither consideration applies, I fail to see what reason there is for the increase.

Yours sincerely,
DAN REGAN,
The Victoria Counselling Service,
Shepherd, Strafford & Regan,
135-7 Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
November 21.

From Mr Oliver Barratt

Sir, It is not so much directors' self-awarded vast salaries and perks which stick in the craw, but the difference between their emoluments and those of their employees. If, instead of corporation tax being charged at a standard rate of 33 per cent on company profits, it was varied in proportion to the difference between the average and highest pay of full-time company personnel, even corporate shareholders might call boards of directors to account.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER BARRATT,
Cowmire Hall,
Crosthwaite, Kendal, Cumbria.
November 21.

From Mr W. P. Cloutman

Sir, On the subject of salary increases for chief executives I found the following in the *Bloomsbury Thematic Dictionary of Quotations* (1990):

The salary of the chief executive of the large corporation is not a market award for achievement. It is frequently in the nature of a warm personal gesture by the individual to himself. (Professor J. K. Galbraith, *Annals of an Abiding Liberal*).

My own feeling, generally and specifically, is that it really is too much to take.

Yours sincerely,
W. P. CLOUTMAN,
49 Chivalry Road, SW11.
November 22.

From Mr J. P. Allen

Sir, The pay awards for top executives (list, November 22) illustrate how the spiral of greed continues to afflict top management. Real innovation, inventiveness and progress stem largely from research workers and designers — the middle and lower management. Their work forms the basis of a better future for us all. I suspect that all too often this more deserving area is pared by top executives creating illusory profitability to justify their inflated salaries.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN P. ALLEN,
3 Horton Crescent,
Rugby, Warwickshire.
November 22.

From Ms Judy Ridgway

Sir, Although I am a shareholder in British Gas and therefore stand to benefit by their actions, I am outraged by the announcement (report, November 18) that they plan to charge those who do not pay their bills by direct debit more than those who do.

This is said to be aimed at those who do not pay but I always pay on time and I will be hit. I am to be penalised for not wishing to give British Gas direct access to my bank account, also for not wishing to give them monthly cash sums which may or may not be for the correct amount.

I am very cross, but I can afford to pay. I am even more angry for those, usually elderly, people who need every penny to keep warm and survive through the winter. They are the ones who will pay for the commercial greed of British Gas.

Yours faithfully,
JUDY RIDGWAY,
124 Queens Court, Queensway, W2.
November 18.

From Mr C. Flogdell

Sir, Do British Gas settle their suppliers' accounts on demand?

Yours sincerely,
C. FLOGDELL,
Bridewell Close, Mildenhall,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
November 18.

A test of quality

From Mr David Harris

Sir, Good government requires vision, leadership and competence, all leavened with a sufficient quantity of common sense.

The decision by ministers to award themselves a 5 per cent pay increase (report, November 19) whilst exhorting "below inflation" pay rises for the rest of us demonstrates beyond doubt that this Government possesses not even one of the qualities needed.

Yours faithfully,
D. HARRIS,
Cobweb, Rosemary Lane,
Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.
November 21.

Salt intake and hypertension

From Professor A. R. Michell

Sir, The link between salt and hypertension (Body and Mind, November 17) is not conclusive but the evidence for it is infinitely stronger than, for example, any link between BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) and human disease. There is also absolutely no exception to the rule that cultural groups which avoid excess salt also avoid the age-related rise in blood pressure which we take as normal.

Hypertension is one of the most expensive diseases on the national drug bill and it seems prudent to reduce the risk of reaching the level of blood pressure which eventually demands treatment. Currently, average salt intake is about four times the likely maximum nutritional requirement; the report of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (Coma) (details, November 11) merely suggests a reduction by one third. Never mind what 13 experts thought ten years ago; the report simply brings us into line with current expert opinion and nutritional policy, e.g. in the United States and Australia.

Most of our salt intake is not voluntary but results from deliberate addition by manufacturers; Coma sensibly urges a reduction in this unnecessary medication of our diet.

For those who wish to reach their own conclusions regarding the salt-hypertension controversy, what the report actually does is to try and restore consumer choice; it is easy to add salt to your food but almost impossible to subtract the unsolicited salt which much of it currently contains.

Yours sincerely,
ALASTAIR MICHELL,
Brewers Cottage, 59 Brewhouse Hill,
Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire.
November 18.

When heads weigh in

From Councillor Paul Twyman

Sir, The letter from the Headmaster of Clifton College and nine of his fellow headteachers ("Heads weigh in on school results", November 18) was a nice way to tease the Government about exam results tables — the kind of clever wheeze I associate with slightly naughty fourth-formers.

However, they inadvertently illustrate the benefits of making available to the public as much information as possible. Armed with data on height and weight of headteachers one can make informed decisions about the best schools for our children.

I would certainly avoid sending children to schools run by tall, stout headmasters. I would send a cherished daughter to the school run by a short, tubby headmistress who is sure to be kind, jolly and pleasant to her pupils.

Yours etc,
PAUL TWYMAN
(5ft 9in, 11st),
Thrift House, Minnis Road,
Birchington on Sea, Kent.
November 21.

From Mr R. J. Philo

Sir, What a depressing commentary on mathematical education when heads of ten schools feel it worthwhile to sign a letter mocking the Department for Education's choice of pupils' birthdays as a base for random sampling: a statistically safe method.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. PHILO,
4 St Peter's Close, Chislehurst, Kent.

From the Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School

Sir, Whilst I applaud the suggestion that height and weight should be taken into account when formulating academic league tables for schools, I would argue that this does not go far enough, since it takes no account of potential expansion. May I humbly suggest that waist-size should also be included in all future calculations of these important tables?

Yours sincerely,
R. J. ACHESON
(34in at present, with every sign of continued growth),
Clifton College Preparatory School,
Clifton, Bristol BS8 3HE.

From Mr Richard Reger

Sir, League tables always bring on feelings of inadequacy. I now realise that I am under-qualified in terms of both height and weight ever to become the headmaster of a boys' public school. However, I think I might just pass muster for Benenden or Roedean.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD REGER
(5ft 10in, 10st 7lb),
55 Bartholomew Close, SW18.

From Mrs Helen Meadows

Sir, It is fortunate for the Headmaster of Clifton College and other heads that the Department for Education does not produce a table to show which educational establishments have mastered the metric system.

Yours sincerely,
HELEN MEADOWS
(1.58m, 55kg),
Castle Chambers,
43 Castle Street, Liverpool 2.

Rights for peers

From Lord Monkswell

Sir, The right to stand for election, vote in parliamentary elections and have a job in a regime of full employment should be enjoyed by all British subjects.

I welcome plans by Mr Tony Blair, leader of the Labour Party (leading article, November 8; letters, November 10, 15), to give me and my fellow hereditary peers these basic human rights, which I hope will be given to life peers as well.

However, the last attempt to reform the House of Lords was defeated by Enoch Powell and Michael Foot in a spirited defence of the House of Commons.

Prime ministerial patronage over many years may have created the biggest quango in the land but every member has some expertise. The hereditary element and the age associated with our "life sentence" add an intimate knowledge of history.

So the House of Lords, by accident rather than design, can offer advice on virtually any subject and give an important historical perspective.

To enable that advice to be given proper weight it may be useful for a register of peers' interests, knowledge and experience to be available for public scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,
MONKSWELL,
House of Lords.

Open government

From Mr Bernard Fensterwald III

Sir, I was glad to read (report, November 9) that steps are being taken to open your government to the light of day (letters, November 14, 19).

When the US Congress enacted the Freedom of Information Act in 1966, many federal agencies sought to dilute its effect by imposing unreasonable time delays and improper fees. This resulted in the 1974 amendments which, in part, established firm deadlines for administrative review and allowed agencies to recover only their direct costs for search and duplication.

As under your initiative, each agency is required to establish its own regulations. However, in my experience, the fees charged in the US are generally lower than in the UK.

Sincerely,
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November 16.

False economy?

From Mr Robin Brookes

Sir, As Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister for a little less than a year, I do not see how he can be said (your leader of November 17) to "have presided over several years of economic success" — if it was success: I do not recall that we were noticeably more enthusiastic about our Government's performance than we are today.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN BROOKES,
Elmdale, 49 Syke Chuan,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.
November 17.

Doubts on closer links with Europe

From Viscount Mountgarret

Sir, There should be little worry by either Sir Marcus Fox or the Conservative hierarchy of a general election being precipitated by Conservative MPs failing to toe the line over this country's proposed higher payments to the Euro-budget (report, November 21).

All the Government has to do is to recognise that the vast majority of people in this country do not want closer political affiliation to Europe, as opposed to economic: that they do not wish to be ruled in their everyday lives by politicians in Brussels who are unaccountable to anyone: and above all that Englishmen want to remain English.

The so-called Tory rebels are the only buffer between Britain's independence or being tied to the political skirts of Europe. Any government that recognised this and declared it as part of its policy would win not only the next general election but several general elections to come.

Yours faithfully,
MOUNTGARRET,
Stainley House, South Stainley,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
November 21.

From Mr Stephen Hocking

Sir, You reported on November 9 ("Britain given blunt messages over date for single currency") that Chancellor Kohl's policymakers had told British ministerial advisers that to tie the German economy to that of Europe as a whole was the only way to prevent the rise of German nationalism. The Chancellor sees monetary union as the only way to achieve this. To me, this is the same as saying that if the Germans are not given control of the European economy voluntarily, they will want once again to try to take it by other means.

I fail to see how the European Union can be made to work if one of the member states feels it is reasonable to threaten the others in order to get its own way. Nor does it seem that the EU experiment has been successful in curbing German desires for European dominance.

The forthcoming inter-governmental conference on the future of the EU in 1996 represents the last chance to create the free trade area with political dimensions that the original EEC was meant to be when this country joined in 1972. It is an opportunity of genuinely historic proportions for the politicians with the vision to see it and the courage to seize it. It remains to be seen whether there is any vision or courage left in the Palace of Westminster.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HOCKING,
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West Hampstead, NW6.
November 21.

From Dr J. F. Harper

Sir, Mr Christopher Jackson (letter, November 21) refers to "... more efficient control from Brussels". Can anything be more efficiently controlled from Brussels?

Yours faithfully,
J. F. HARPER,
12 Grenville Place, SW7.
November 21.

Wolf hybrids

From Ms Judith Gerber

Sir, Giles Coren ("A wolf inside every Fido", November 16) is right to point out the myth of the wolf as a threat to human beings.

No doubt the wolf is an animal of the wild not particularly well suited to the role of a "pet" in the anthropocentric sense of the word. Yet, as has been shown time and again by animal behaviourists, it is not a bloodthirsty monster: it hunts for food, not for pleasure.

While the incident in the Welsh village involving a 22-month-old boy (reports, November 16, 22; letters, November 19) might stir up dormant fears, we should rather think about *who* (and for what purpose) has "manufactured" such a hybrid with teeth twice as long as those of a domestic dog and known for its aggression, and what that might reveal about the "genetic predispositions" of *that* species.

Apart from this report highlighting the misuse of genetic engineering we can read in the same issue of your newspaper about two Department of Transport inspectors being shot in the head at point-blank range, a woman raped at knifepoint and a Bengali teenager being kicked in the head until his scalp was "detached from his skull", among other gruesome tales of *human* action.

Yours faithfully,
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Sleeper service

From Mrs K. M. Fleming

Sir, The nostalgic account of sleeper journeys from London to the West Highland line (article, November 7; letters, November 14) are all very well, but to keep the line open ways must be found to make it attractive for passengers today.

I am able to walk up the road from my house in this small Scottish coastal town, board the sleeper in the late evening and wake up in central London.

A service such as this which allows efficient, comfortable and safe travel, giving access to and from the more remote areas, should not be axed. Its value should be promoted both as a fast business link and a scenic tourist attraction.

Yours faithfully,
KITTY FLEMING,
8 Havelock Place,
Helensburgh, Strathclyde.
November 14.

Unjust to William

From Jeffrey Sheldon

Sir, According to your Vision section (November 19) the *Just William* series I am watching is now by Enid Blyton.

I can't wait for the TV version of *The Famous Five* by Richmal Crompton.

Yours faithfully,
J. SHELDON (aged 9),
Willow Cottage,
Denton, Oxford.
November 20.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 22: *The Queen held an* Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Hon Sir Clifford Darling was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Lady Darling was also received by The Queen.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) *had an audience of* Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by *Colonel Hugh Brown (Vice Lord-*Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear) at *the Funeral of Sir James Steel* (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-*Lieutenant for* Tyne and Wear) which was held in St Mary and St Stephen's Church, Wolsingham, this afternoon.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Mr John Browne-Swinburne.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the Chiefs of Staff with her presence at luncheon at St John's Wood Barracks.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

The Lady Margaret Colville has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 22: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trusts, this *evening gave a Reception to thank* supporters of the trusts' Norfolk *Appeal.*

His Royal Highness afterwards *received the chief executives of his* trusts.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 22: The Princess of Wales received Captain Charles Freeman RN upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer *HMS Cornwall* and Captain Geoffrey Billson RN upon assuming the appointment.

November 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn, this evening dined in Hall on Grand Day.

The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
November 22: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Tree Council, this afternoon attended a reception to mark the eve of National Tree Week, the House of Lords, London SW1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Liveryman, the *Salters' Company, this* evening attended a livery dinner, *Salters' Hall, Fore Street, London* EC2.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the International Social Service of the *United Kingdom, this morning* attended a committee meeting, *Lancaster House, St James's Pal*ace, London SW1.

Miss Helen Tughan was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 22: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major-General M.D. Regan, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel T.F.L. Weeks upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and *Lieutenant* Colonel T.J. Gregson on assuming this command.

Her Royal Highness also received Lieutenant Colonel M.J.W. Grubb upon relinquishing command of the 2nd Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel B.W. Barry on assuming this command, and Lieutenant Colonel R.D.S Phayre upon relinquishing command of the Army Training Regiment, Winchester.

Princess Alexandra this evening attended the St Cecilia's Day Celebration given by the Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1. The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

RHS Flower Show

Spring comes early to Westminster

By Alan Toogood, *Horticulture Correspondent*

THE sweet scent of "Paper White" narcissi greets visitors to the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday.

The narcissi, forced into early flower in heat, impart a breath of spring among the colchicums and other autumn-flowering *bulbs staged* by Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex.

However, the show in the main reflects autumn and winter, especially the colourful display of crab and Christmas cacti (schlumbergeras) from Westfield Cacti, of Kennford, Devon. This gold-medal exhibit shows the wide colour range now available, from palest pink, through the light yellow and pink flowers of "Gold Charm", to fiery orange. Traditionally *these cacti have an arching habit of* growth and need to be elevated to show off the flowers, but now there are some new upright cultivars which can be enjoyed at table level, such as "Yantra" (cyclamen pink) and "Madelone" (light pink) which are featured here.

A gold medal has also been awarded to Three Counties Nurseries, of Bridport, *Dorset, for a display of cyclamen.*

The ivy specialists, Fibrex Nurseries, of Pebworth, Warwickshire, are *showing how these plants can* be trained to various shapes. Ten-year-old standards, like small mop-headed trees, with attractively twisted stems, are the centre of attention from visitors, but also noteworthy are the pillar-shaped plants. Both would make unusual focal points in a garden.

A varied range of foliage plants for autumn and winter interest has been staged by Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, who have been awarded a gold medal. The pink, cream and green variegated leaves of the climber *Trachelospermum jasminoides* "Tricolor" are especially eye-catching, and there are *several* shrubs with purple leaves, a scarce colour among evergreens, including *Myrtus* "Kathryn" (myrtle).

Several competitions are being held with the show. The conifer classes of the RHS ornamental plants competition are especially well supported. The Rosse cup for three conifers shown for foliage effect has been won by Mrs B. Pearce, of Hawley, Kent, with *Pinus nigra*, *Chamaecyparis tetragona* "Aurea" and *Cedrus atlantica* "Glauca".

In the RHS late apple and pear competition. Mr J. Trim, of Hythe, *Kent*, has been awarded the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers' certificate for three cultivars of dessert apples: "Gala", "Ashmead's Kernel" and "Cox's Orange Pippin".

The best plant in the Orchid Society of *Great Britain's autumn show is a* *Coelogyne fimbriata* "Patrick", shown by Mrs Jo Kelleher, of Orpington, Kent. Filling a 15in diameter pan, this 14-year-old dwarf orchid is studded with small yellow brown-lipped flowers.

There is also a display of paintings and photographs by botanical artists. The following have been awarded gold medals: Gillian Barlow, *of* London (watercolour paintings of Ranunculaceae); Ivor B. Coburn, of Magherafelt, Northern Ireland (watercolour studies of flowers and fruits); Christine Grey-Wilson, of Fenstead End, Suffolk (line drawings for the Alpine Garden Society's *Encyclopaedia of Alpines*); and Reinhild Raistrick, of Haverhill, Suffolk (watercolour paintings of wild orchids).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R.E. Andrew and Miss A.J. Campbell
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr Richard Andrew, of Kensington, London, and Mrs Gillian Elliott, of Fulham, London, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Campbell, of Shalden, Hampshire and Edradynate, Perthshire.

Mr O.R.P. Corbett and Miss H.J. Heron-Watson
The engagement is announced between Oliver, only son of Mr Panton Corbett, of Belgravia, and Mrs Timothy Elwes, of Chelsea, and Henrietta, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs Charles Heron-Watson, of Brunton, Wiltshire.

Mr C.J. Dear and Miss A.J. Dalby
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V.J. Dear, of Hornchurch, Essex, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Dalby, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr I.A. Harper and Miss B.M. Honess
The engagement is announced between Antony, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Harper, of Holywell, Warwickshire, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mrs Jeremy Coles, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Mr Simon Honess, of Detroit, USA.

Mr P. Joarder and Miss C.H. Stokes
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.N. Joarder, of Woodford Wells, Essex, and Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Stokes, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr M.E.W. Hopkins and Miss J.C.P. Rudolf
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Hopkins, of Anzère, Valais, Switzerland, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Rudolf, of Shalstone, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.A. Johnston and Miss E.C. Bloomfield
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Johnston, of North Baddesley, Hampshire, and Emily, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bloomfield, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr P.J. Newman and Miss V.C. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr and Mrs Bruce Newman, of Blisworth, Northamptonshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Campbell, of Standen, Isle of Wight.

Mr J. Rexhausen and Miss K.M. Smithson
The engagement is announced between Jan, only son of Mr Jürgen Rexhausen, of Hamburg, and of Mrs Anke Bröcker, of Hollenstedt, Germany, and Katherine Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Smithson, of Woking, Surrey.

Captain R.E. van der Horst, RM, and Miss B.J.M. Langrishe
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Brigadier and Mrs Rupert van der Horst, of Stoke Trister, Somerset, and Belinda, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Richard Langrishe, of Upper Clatford, Hampshire.



Diana Quick, the actress, is 48 today

Birthdays today

Professor Emeritus Colin Adamson-Macedo, electrical engineer, 72; Mr Nicholas Baker, MP, 56; *Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs*, 56; Mrs Anne Burns, former gliding champion, 79; Mr John Cole, broadcaster, 67; Mr Rob Denmark, athlete, 23; Mr Bruce Edgar, cricketer, 37; Colonel Sir Allan Gilmour, former Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 78; Mr Michael Gough, actor, 77; Mr G.J. Hearne, chairman and chief executive, Enterprise Oil, 57; Sir John Hermon, former chief constable, RUC, 66.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, 62; Sir David Lees, chairman and chief executive, GKN, 58; Mr Christopher Logue, poet and author, 68; Mr Alan Mullery, footballer, 53; Mr J.C. Oxley, director-general, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 56; Mr *Krzysztof Penderecki, composer*, 61; Mr Anton Poot, former chair*man, Philips Electronics and Asso*ciated Industries, 65; Lord Prosser, 60; *Sir Peter Saunders, theatrical* producer, 83; Sir Peter Strawson, *philosopher*, 75; Professor John Tarn, former Vice-Chancellor, *Liverpool University*, 60; *Mr Nigel* Tranter, author, 85; Lieutenant-Colonel George West, former comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 57.

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn
Princess Margaret was present last night when Sir Christopher Slade, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, and Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner, it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:
Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lady Glenconner, Field Marshal Lord *Bramall, KG, Lord Armstrong of* Ilminster, Lord Kingsdown, KG, Lady Slade, Sir Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Leggatt, Dame Rose Heilbron, Dame Diana Rigg, the Hon Lady Hastings, Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Neill, Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Mr Robert Seabrook, QC, Mr Charles Elly, Mr James Sabben-Clare, Mr and Mrs Charles Nunneley, Captain *P M Carver (under treasurer)*.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a *dinner last* night at 1 Carlton Gardens in *honour of Mr Laszlo Kovacs*, Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Anglo-Spanish Society
The Spanish Ambassador presided at a dinner of the Anglo-Spanish Society held last night at the Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir John Elliott was the guest speaker and Sir Robert Wade-Gery received the guests.

Air Force Board
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Sec*retary of State for Defence, and Air* Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the hosts at a dinner of the Air Force Board held last night at RAF Bentley Priory. Among those present were:
The Right Rev Michael Mann, Professor Sir David Davies, Sir Christopher France, Dame Sue Tinson, Mr Peter J Allen, Mr Andrew Cameron, Mr Gordon Hourston, Dr Ian MacBean, Mr Keith Mans, MP, and Mr Allan Winn.

Atlantic Council
Sir Richard Luce, Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United *Kingdom, presided at a dinner* held last night at the Britannia *Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, to mark* the eve of the council's national *conference.*

High Court Journalists' Association
The Master of the Rolls attended the annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association held last night at the Law Society. Mr Lionel Barlow, chairman, presided. Lord Justice Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, and Mr George Carman, QC, also spoke.

Training and Enterprise Councils
On November 21 twenty members of "G10" and friends of TECs and LECs, including the Earl of Stockton and Mr Michael Bett, CBE, dined in the presence of Sir *Norman Fowler, MP, to mark six* years of pioneer achievement.

Memorial service

Sir Ian Potter
Mr J.G. Kennett, Premier of Victoria, attended a memorial *service for Sir Ian Potter, Austra*lian financier and philanthropist, which was *held* yesterday *in St* Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The Dean of Melbourne officiated, assisted by Archdeacon Farrer of *St Peter's*, East Melbourne, the Catholic Chaplain of the Order of St Lazarus and Father Smith representing the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne. Professor Derek Denton of the Howard Florey Institute, gave an address.

Sir Edward Woodward, Chancellor of Melbourne University led an academic procession. Among others present were:
Lady Potter (widow), Miss Robin Potter and *Mrs Carolyn* Parker Bowles (daughters), Ms Primrose Krasicki v Siecen (stepdaughter); Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Sir James Balderstone, Sir James and Lady Gobbo, the Rev Dr Davis McCaughey, *Mr and Mrs Richard Pratt*, with many other friends and colleagues representing the various aspects of Sir Ian's life.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT Officers Luncheon Club
Lieutenant-Colonel Jeremy Gotch was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Committee and Members of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was *the host yesterday at a* luncheon given by Her Majesty's *Government at Lancaster House* for Mr Aziz Pahad, Deputy For*eign Minister of South Africa.*

Order of St John
Professor Anthony Mellows, Chancellor of the Order of St John, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, for Mr Eric Hotung to mark his presentation of an ambulance to the Faversham district of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Consular Corps of London
Mr Howard Jones, Governor of HM Prison, Belmarsh, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Consular Corps of London held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel, Grosvenor Square. Mr W.S. Wilder, president, was in the chair.

Lecture

Finniston Lecture
Professor Anthony Kelly delivered the second Finniston lecture to the *Institute of Materials last night at* the Institute of International Af*fairs. Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen,* President of the Institute of Materi*als, presided. Professor Sir Ronald* Mason also spoke.

University news

St Andrews
Research grants
The university has received a total *of £2,779,944 in research grants for* the second quarter of this year. *Some of the grants are listed* below:

Research contracts:
Professor D Gani, Professor R T Hay and Dr F G Riddell, £664,722 from Wellcome Trust (High resolution 500 MHz facility to support biomolecular research); Dr J C G Lesurf and Dr G M Smith, £139,361 from DRA (Free space ferrite planar isolators *10-20GHz)*; *Dr S W Homans*, £119,822 from Wellcome Trust (Stable isotope assisted NMR studies *on the solution* properties of the sialyl-Lewis X oligosaccharide and its interaction with E selection); Professor M D Rugg, £81,900 from Wellcome Trust (Study of the neuropsychology of normal human memory: parallel ERP and PET studies); Dr J Andersen, £73,058 *from Royal Society of Edinburgh* (Research Fellowship).

Research councils:
Dr J T S Irvine, £148,695 from EPSRC (Synthesis & characterisation of *novel NBIII/NBIV perovskite related* oxides); Professor G A Cottrell, £145,644 from MRC (Analysis of the ligand-gated ion channel activated by dopamine in Helisoma neurones); Dr R C H Connor, £131,148 from EPSRC (EPSRC Advanced Fellowship); Dr G Cramb and Dr N Hazon, £126,277 from NERC (The control of osmoregulation during the development of elvers and *juvenile eels in different* environmental salinities); Professor P C Riedi, £108,497 from EPSRC (NMR investigation of the structure and magnetism of thin films and small particles); *Professor D J Cole-*Hamilton, £97,052 from EPSRC (Synthesis and characterisation *of* quantum dots using polymer bound metal alkyls).

Charities:
Dr S W Homans, £90,420 from Lister (Lister Institute Centenary Fellowship); Dr N E Dale, £73,708 from Royal Society (Royal Society Locke Research Fellowship); Dr A E Magurran, £60,929 *from Royal* Society (Royal Society University Research Fellowship).

Geography
Dr I Leontidou, Dr K Hoggart, 302,000 Ecu (European Community Human Capital and Mobility), research project, Migration and tourism development in marginal Mediterranean areas

Professor D Brunsden, 155,000 Ecu *(European Community)*, research project, Temporal stability and activity of landslides in Europe with respect *to climatic change*

Life Sciences Division
Professor E G Price, 135,000 Ecu (European Community), research project, Validation of early markers of nephrotoxicity for detecting groups at risk in the general population: application to children

Molecular Biology and Biophysics Group
Dr B J Sutton, Professor H J Gould, £123,527 (National Asthma Campaign), research project, X-ray structure of the mast cell receptor IgE complex and design of inhibitors

Nursing and Midwifery Division
Mrs S C Robinson, Mr T J Murrells, Professor S J Redfern, £271,000 (Department of Health), research project, RMN & RGN Cohort Studies

Nutrition and Dietetics
Professor T A B Sanders, £261,419 (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food), research project, Influence of dietary fatty acids on procoagulant and fibrinolytic activities in humans

Professor T A B Sanders, Professor B Halliwell, £143,541 (Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries & Food), research project, Influence of dietary n-3 fatty acids on the requirement for vitamin E in humans

Pharmacology Group
Dr S D Brain, £51,372 (British Heart Foundation), research studentship, *Influence of nerve growth factor on events mediated by vasoactive* neuropeptides in the microcirculation

Professor P G Jenner, Dr S Salvage, £70,808 (Parkinson's Disease Society), research on the role of nitric oxide in Parkinson's Disease

Professor P G Jenner, Professor B Halliwell, Dr D Dexter, £67,000 (Parkinson's Disease Society), research project, Oxidative damage to brain in Parkinson's Disease

Pharmacy
Dr S Bansal, Professor R C Hider, £156,598 (EPSRC), research project, A novel strategy for the controlled synthesis of disulphides in synthetic peptides

Physiology Group/Thermal Biology Research Unit/Vascular Biology Research Centre
Dr A R Baydoun, Professor J D Pearson £122,247 (British Heart Foundation), research fellowship: Regulation of system y^+ (L arginine expression in activated vascular cells)

Dr D R Knight, £150,638 (MRC), research project, Probing the molecular mechanisms of regulated secretion using a recombinant virus expression system

London
King's College
Recent grants include:

Age Concern Institute of Gerontology
Dr E M D Grundy, £105,690 (ESRC), research project, Intergenerational relationships and household change

Randall Institute/Developmental *Biology Research Centre*
Dr M Maden, Dr J A Pizzey, £138,967 (Wellcome Trust), research project, *Study of the* expression and *function* of retinoic acid and retinoid X receptors in neural cells

Dr P Gordon-Weeks, £161,905 (MRC), research project, Function of a novel phosphorylated form of Map1 B in axon growth and identification of the kinase

Centre for Mental Health Services Development/Institute of Health
Mr C Granham, £127,660 (South West Thames Health Authority), research consultancy to provide advice and support to the health authority

Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Professor A J Rogers, Dr V A Handerek, *£145,863 (SERC)*, research project, Non-linear optical techniques for distributed fibre measurement of temp and/or strain field

Dr I D Robertson, 65,661 Ecu (European Community Human *Capital and Mobility*), research studentship, Active patch antennas for monolithic microwave

Professor A J Rogers, Dr V A Handerek, 281,000 Ecu (European Commission), research project, Advanced research on transmission and enhanced multigigabit interconnection by solitons

Professor A J Rogers, Dr V A Handerek, 136,886 Ecu (European Community), research project, New optical sensor and optical transmission

Buckingham
Appointments
Chairman Business Studies: Professor Anthony Millman
Professorial Research Fellow and Director of Metabolic Research: Michael Cawthorne
Lectureships
Law: Thomas Cornford, Olga Thomas
Politics: Timothy Stringer
Psychology: *Dinkar Sharma*
Director of Administration and Resources: John Elder
Director of Development: Stephen Humble

Bath
The following honorary degrees will be awarded on December 20:
Doctor of Music to Miss Emma Kirkby (singer)
Doctor of Laws to Mr Jack Rowell (services to sport).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Royal College of Defence Studies, Belgrave Square, at 10.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a service in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at 11.55 to mark the diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the London Mozart Players, will attend a concert *and dinner at St* James's Palace at 7.00.

Princess Margaret will attend the Royal concert at the Barbican Hall at 7.10 in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and allied musical charities.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Imperial War Museum, will attend a board of trustees meeting at Lambeth Road at 2.30.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients) will attend a reception at 5-7 Bath Place, *Rivington Street, EC2, at 4.00; and,* as Patron of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, *will attend a concert* given by the Vienna Philharmonic *Orchestra at the Festival Hall at* 7.00.

Service dinner

National Defence College (Canada) UK Association
Sir John Killick was the speaker at the annual dinner of the National Defence College (Canada) United Kingdom Association held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' *Mess, Woolwich. Major-*General Sir Roy Redgrave was the *dinner president.*

Legal appointments

Mr Justice Buckley and Mr Justice *Keene to be Judges of the Employ*ment Appeal Tribunal.

Mr Peter Jacobs *to be Standing* Counsel (Criminal) to Inland Revenue for the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Mr Anthony Russell to be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to Inland Revenue for the Northern Circuit.

Mr Michael Brompton and Mr Noel Lucas to be Standing Counsel (Criminal) to HM Customs and Excise on the South Eastern Circuit.

Mr Richard Isaacson and Mr *Raymond Wigglesworth to be* Standing Counsel (Criminal) to *HM Customs and Excise* on the Northern Circuit.

Reception

Institute of Sports Medicine
At a reception of the Institute of Sports Medicine held last night at *Burlington House, Professor Sir* Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians presented the Robert Atkins award to *Mr Robert Myles Gibson* and Certificate of Fellowship to Dr *Mark Harries, Lieutenant-Colonel* Graham Hopkins, Dr Basil Mar*shall and Dr John Silver* who had earlier spoken on the prevention of *sporting injuries*. Sir Victor Goodhew presided.

Appointments

Commonwealth Institute
Mr David Thompson to be chairman and Lord Armstrong of Ilminster to be vice-chairman.

Latest wills

Mr Roy **Castle**, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, the comedian, musician and dancer, left estate valued at £582,199 gross, net the same.

Mr John **Harrison**, of Johannes*burg, South Africa, BBC Southern* Africa correspondent, left estate *valued at £121,311* gross, net the same.

The Rev Dr Geoffrey Sturt **Udall**, of Beech Hill, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,436,848 net.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Hanmer Cecil **Hanbury**, of Turvey, Bedfordshire, Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire from 1978-1991, left estate valued at £1,211,646 net.
He left £1,000 to follow a trust deed which benefits Turvey Parish Church, and £500 to *the* Bedfordshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

Count Alexander Numa **Labinsky**, of Monmouth, Gwent, the lieder singer Shura Gehrman and chairman of Nimbus Records 1971-94, left estate valued at £442,762 net.

Colonel Kenneth William Merrylees, of Lavenham, Suffolk, water diviner, left estate valued at £338,178 net.
He left three heads of the Buddha *and the head of his attendant to the* Victoria and Albert Museum, they being dug up at the Stupa at Landi *Kotal in the Khyber Pass by him at* the invitation of Khan Bahadha Murah Khan, the Malik of the *Shinwari*.

Mr Christopher John **Snape**, of Sandown, *Isle of Wight*, left estate valued at £548,442 gross, net same.

Catherine Mary **Judson**, of London SW14, left estate valued at £1,257,172 net.
She left £160,750, a life interest in a further £100,000 and her home and effects to personal legatees, and the residue equally between St Martin-in-the-Fields Social Care Unit, London WC2, and the Salvation Army and Barnardo's.

Professor David Malcolm **Lewis**, of Oxford, Professor of Ancient History, University of Oxford, 1985-94, left estate valued at £91,333 net.
He left his annotated volumes of *Inscriptiones Graecae to the Faculty* of Literae Humaniores, Oxford, and such books (up to 10) as he selects to the Librarian of Christ Church.

Sir James Joseph Trevor **Simpson**, of Nairobi, Kenya, former chairman of James Simpson and Co and of the Uganda Development Corporation, left estate in England and Wales valued at £302,858 net.

Mr Wilfred **Hadfield**, of Windsor, Berkshire, traffic control expert, who in 1956 invented the yellow line parking system, left estate valued at £549,913 net.
He left £30,000, his motor car and effects to personal legatees, and 50 *per cent of the residue to Jesus* College, Cambridge, 10 per cent of the residue each to Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, Thames Valley Hospice, the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, and Intermediate Technology, and 5 per cent of the residue each to the Children's Society and Age Concern (England).

Mr Eric Henry **Stone**, of Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,178,876 net. He died intestate.

Mr Stanley Walter **Smith**, of Bramshaw, Hampshire, left estate valued at £4,520,620 net.
He left £10,000 each to the RNLI and British Red Cross Society.

Mrs Elisabeth Ann **Segal**, of Bowdon, Greater Manchester left £1,045,075

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wallis, mathematician, Ashford, Kent, 1616; François Babeuf, revolutionary, St Quentin, 1760; Franklin Pierce, 14th American President 1853-57, Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 1804; James Thomson, poet, author of *The City of Dreadful Night*, Glasgow, 1834; Marya Bashkirtseva, painter, Pultowa, Russia, 1860; Manuel de Falla, composer, Cadiz, 1876; Boris Karloff, actor, London, 1887.

DEATHS: Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed, London, 1499; Thomas Tallis, organist and composer, London, 1585; Richard Hakluyt, geographer, London, 1616; Hans Willem Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland, statesman, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1709; Abbé Prévost, novelist, Chantilly, France, 1763; Sir Roger Newdigate, antiquary, Arbury, Warwickshire, 1806; Johann Bode, astronomer, Berlin, 1826; Friedrich Struve, astronomer, St Petersburg, 1864; Charles Booth, shipowner and sociologist, Leicestershire, 1916; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1934; André Malraux, writer and statesman, Paris, 1976.

The River Thames froze, 1434.

The first pillar boxes were erected at St Helier, Jersey, 1852.

The meat market at Smithfield opened, London, 1868.

The first episode of *Dr Who* was screened on BBC television, 1963.

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With this great cloud of witnesses around us, therefore, we too must throw off every encumbrance, and the sin that all too readily restricts us, and run with resolution the race which lies ahead of us.
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BIRTHS

ELLISON - On November 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne (née Vigneault) and Eric, a beautiful daughter, Katherine, 8lbs 4oz.

GREEN - On November 21st 1994, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Tessa (née Buckmaster) and Michael, a son, Theodore Samuel, a brother for Rebecca, Catherine and Oliver.

HACKER HUGHES - On 23rd October, in Chelmsford, to Katy and Jamie, a son, Benedict James Anderson.

HALMARI - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Annuli (née Matilla) and Tero, a beautiful daughter, Hanna, a sister for Ella.

HOWELL - On November 19th, to Sarah (née Williams-Thomas) and Julian, a son, Oliver Edward George.

LOMAS - On 19th November 1994, to Tracy (née Brewer) and Ian, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Helena.

MILLER - On 3rd November 1994, to Adrienne (née Clarke) and Stephen, a daughter, Rachael Frances.

MORRISON - On November 15th at Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Shona (née Cameron) and Gordon, a daughter, Anna Christina.

POPPLEWELL - On November 17th, to Debra (née Lomas) and Andrew, a son, Frederick Arthur, a brother for Anna and Lala.

RUSHTON - On November 20th 1994, to Jane (née Iveson) and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Jane Melville.

SHORT - On November 16th 1994 at the Seibo Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, to Lana (née Christofides) and Martin, a son, Harrison Charles Winslow.

SKINNER - On 18th November, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Carol (née Heywood) and Charles, a daughter, Molly Prunella.

WILMOT - On November 14th, to Susan (née Durlacher) and David, a daughter, Jessica Rachel Clonmell, a sister for Sophie. God's gift.

WITHERS - On November 20th to Jacqueline (née Edgar) and Anthony, a son, James Anthony Mackay, a brother for Jonathon.

DEATHS

BROOMER - James Vincent, on November 21st 1994, peacefully at home in Goole, aged 67 years. Loving husband of Averil, much loved father of Charles, Alison and Jason. Private family service to be held Friday November 25th. Family flowers only please but donations in aid of The Yorkshire Cancer Research Fund c/o Taylor Broomer & Co, Solicitors, 157 Boothferry Road, Goole, will be accepted. Enquiries Fletchers Funeral Service, 31 Edinburgh Street, Goole, tel: (0405) 763130.

CASTLE - Cyril A. Castle, aged 78 years, died peacefully at home 21st November 1994. Cremation Putney Vale, Monday 28th November 2.45 pm. Family flowers only please.

DOLAN - Margaret Mary on 20th November, dear sister of Peter and the late Paul, Headmistress of Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon, a valued colleague of The Daughters of Mary & Joseph with whom she worked for over 40 years, a much loved friend of all the staff and past and present pupils by whom she will be sadly missed. Reception into the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road, Addiscombe, at 5 pm on Monday 28th November followed by a Mass at 7 pm. Requiem Mass at the above Church on Tuesday 29th November at 10 am, followed by interment at Bandon Hill Cemetery, Plough Lane, Wallington. Donations if desired to St Raphaels Hospice, North Cheam, all donations and enquiries to W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton SM1 4RL, tel: (0181) 642-8211.

COBB - On November 14th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, bravely borne, Margaret Evelyn Cotton Cobb (née Haines), widow of George Norman Cobb. Cremation private, as requested by her, no flowers.

COLLIS - On November 19th, Leslie Selwyn, aged 86, beloved father of Priscilla and Peter. Funeral at West Norwood Crematorium on Thursday December 1st at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

GLEESON - On 20th November, Eva Phyllis, aged 88, peacefully at home in Sheerness, loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 1pm on Wednesday 30th November at Sheerness Cemetery. No flowers but donations to Cancer Research c/o G. Hogben Funeral Directors, tel: (0795) 580653.

GWATKIN - On November 19th 1994 peacefully in Suffolk aged 72, Lady Gwatkin (née Helen Mary June Wilson) former Sister at St Thomas's Hospital, wife of the late Brigadier Sir Norman Gwatkin G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. (former Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's Office), and beloved mother of Katharine. Memorial Service at Rendham Parish Church, Suffolk, December 3rd at 2.30 pm.

KENTON - Veronica, died November 12th 1994, wife of the late Dr. Ralph J. Kenton of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, mother of Paul and Jeremy, grandmother to Katrina and Claudia. Funeral 2.15 pm Monday 28th November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh-on-Sea. Burial to follow at Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend, at 3.15 pm.

MACLACHLAN - George Stiles Home, aged 73 years, died peacefully on Monday 21st November 1994. Dearly beloved husband of Marnie, much loved father of Euan, Georgina, Mary, Lachlan, Crawford and Martha and adored grampy. Funeral Service - Strathlachlan Parish Church on Friday 25th November at 12 noon and thereafter to Strathlachlan Cemetery.

McMULLEN - Dr. A.I. (Mac), on Monday 14th November, aged 74. Much loved father. Family funeral Southampton Crematorium, Friday 25th November. Donations to The Stroke Association.

MELLOR - Charles, in hospital on 20th November 1994. Beloved husband of Margaret, loving father and grandfather of Elizabeth and Alexander. A brave and outstanding man. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Highbury, 2.15 pm 30th November. Donations if desired to Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everard, Cambridge or the Parkinson's Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

MELOTTE - On November 21st peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Michael Edward, aged 60 and six days. Much loved husband of Polly and father of Victoria and Edward. Funeral Saturday 26th November, 12.30pm at St Stanislaus, Dulverton. Memorial Service Thursday 1st December 6.30pm at St Mary's Cadogan Street London.

PEAKE - On November 20th 1994, peacefully in U.C.H. after a long illness courageously fought, Robert Alexander, darling husband of Meriel and beloved father of Lucy and James. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday November 29th at 2 pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8, tel: (071) 937-0757.

RATCLIFFE - Peter T aged 34 years died suddenly in Figueres 16th November 1994. Loving son, brother, grandson. Funeral arrangements ring 0732 700368.

SMITH - On Friday 18th November, after a long illness, The Revd. Kenneth Smith, recently retired Vicar of St Andrews, Dacre, beloved husband of the late Vera and loved father of Philippa. Aged 73 years. Service and interment at St Andrew's Church, Dacre, Cumbria, on Friday 25th November at 3 pm. Flowers, or if desired donations, which will be equally divided between The S.P.C.K., The British Heart Foundation and St Andrew's Church, Dacre may be sent c/o John Richardson & Son, Funeral Directors, Victoria Road, Penrith, tel: (0768) 891189.

VARMA - Devendra Prasad. On October 24th 1994 in New York. Funeral took place on October 28th in Canada. Will be sadly missed by many friends here.

WILLETT - On November 20th, peacefully, George Willett F.R.C.S., beloved of Joyce and David and all his patients. Funeral at All Saints Church, Feering, on Thursday, December 1st at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Barclays Bank, Kelvedon, for British Heart Foundation.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES UPHAM, VC and BAR

Charles Upham, VC and Bar, one of only three double VC holders in the history of the decoration, died yesterday aged 86. He was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, on September 21, 1908.



Charles Upham receiving the first of his VCs from General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, in the Western Desert on November 7, 1941

OF THE three men to have won two Victoria Crosses, the New Zealander Charles Upham was the only fighting soldier. His predecessors, Arthur Martin-Leake (VC 1902, Bar 1914) and Noel Godfrey Chavasse (VC 1916, Bar posthumously 1917), were both medical officers who won the decoration for bravery trying to rescue wounded men under fire. Upham, who won his first VC in Crete in 1941 and his second in North Africa the following year, was not merely a brave man, but a soldier of great tactical acumen.

He had in full measure that quality which is the hallmark of the best fighting troops — a relentless desire to be at grips with the enemy. When fired up, he took on the enemy with a ferocity that astonished his comrades. But his skill as an infantryman also won the admiration of all who served under him. He was a soldier who could think on his feet with great clarity and make the kind of decisions that turn the tide of events at the tactical level. Recklessness was no part of his nature and he never needlessly risked the lives of his men. Indeed, his rigorous training of his platoon during exercises was aimed at ensuring they had the maximum chance of surviving, once battle was joined.

Charles Hazlitt Upham started life as a sheep farmer after taking a diploma at Canterbury Agricultural College in New Zealand. It was a hard apprenticeship, mustering sheep in the high country of Canterbury province, but it suited his austere temperament and gave him that self-reliance which was ever afterwards a feature of his character.

When war came he was in a government agricultural post, but he immediately enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and was posted as a private to its 20th Infantry Battalion. He was offered the opportunity to sit for a commission, but he wanted to make sure he went overseas with the first draft of the NZEF, and turned the chance down. When he got to the Middle East with the advance guard of the New Zealand force he was sent to an Officer Cadet Training Unit. He did not get on well with his instructors. His opinions of what constituted sound military tactics clashed with theirs. As a result, he passed out bottom of his class, an irony in view of his later reputation as one of the finest tacticians in the New Zealand Division.

When the Germans invaded Greece in April 1941 Upham, now a platoon commander and a second lieutenant, went with his unit as part of the force which was put into the country to try to repel them. After British and Commonwealth forces were hustled out of Greece by the advancing Germans, he was among 28,000 British, Greek, Australian and New Zealand soldiers who were dumped on Crete with orders from Churchill to hold the island at all costs.

In a New Zealand force which, under its pugnacious and skilful commander, General Bernard Freyburg, VC, was noted for its musketry and tactical sense, Upham's platoon stood out in counter-attacks on Maleme on May 22, 1941. Although racked by severe dysentery he led it in attacks on two machinegun posts, which he destroyed virtually single-handed, silencing their crews with pistol and grenades. He was able to accomplish this through his remarkable stalking skills. He had the capacity to make himself invisible in the *garigue* of the Cretan hillsides until the moment he burst from cover and began shooting. Later he went forward alone under heavy fire and guided back to the battalion position a company which had become isolated and was in danger of being wiped out by numerically superior enemy forces.

These actions alone would have qualified Upham for the VC, but more was to come. That night he took out several more German machine-gun posts single-handed. Again, as eyewitness accounts testify, this was not a matter of recklessness but of cool nerve and lightning reflexes. Upham used shadows to stalk his prey by night with the same skill as he had used terrain by day.

Alas, it was bravery in vain. Although the New Zealanders had proved themselves, unit for unit, superior in battlecraft to the Germans, the enemy had seized an important airfield. Consequently they were able to reinforce by air. The big Junkers Ju 52 transports, each carrying 40 fully-armed troops, droned in to land every five minutes and the Germans forces in Crete gained in strength hour by hour. At the end of May the order was given to evacuate British and Commonwealth forces and Upham returned to the Middle East, to Syria.

His VC was gazetted in October 1941. Upham was almost embarrassed about it. He felt that any other member of the New Zealand infantry was as deserving as he and, until ordered by his commanding officer, would not wear the ribbon on his tunic or give press interviews.

In June 1942 with Rommel's advance threatening Egypt, the New Zealand Division was sent to the desert as part of the Eighth Army. Upham, by then a captain, took part in the action at Minqar Qaim, where his division had been positioned to block Rommel's path as the Afrika Korps drove forwards to Alexandria. Completely surrounded by the Germans, the New Zealanders broke out at bayonet point, an action on which Upham and his platoon made a notable mark. Upham himself, unseen in the darkness of night, ran from one German vehicle to the next, hurling in grenades to clear a path to let the New Zealanders through.

If there were any residual inhibitions about awarding the man a second VC for these extraordinary feats, they were dispelled by what occurred at the first battle of Alamein the following month. The gallantry of the New Zealand infantry in this action has to be seen against a background of total distrust of the British armour which had permeated to all ranks. Tank tactics were poor and the tanks themselves were inferior. Some British tank commanders — unlike their German counterparts — felt they could not even move, much less fight, in the dark. As a result the "Poor Bloody Infantry" had simply stopped expecting tanks to turn up and help, when they were most desperately wanted.

Remarkably, this led to no loss of morale. If tanks could not move at night the Kiwi infantry certainly would. In the small hours of July 15 on the Ruweisat Ridge Upham's company was breasting a rise when it came under heavy fire. Perceiving that this came from a strong German concentration of tanks, guns and other armoured vehicles in a fold of ground below, Upham led his company down to the attack. Although shot through the elbow he personally destroyed a tank, four machineguns and a number of trucks, capturing the German position and some valuable tactical maps. Observers of his performance have since described him as being possessed of an almost divinely inspired rage against the enemy as he strode forward destroying everything in his path. But in the process he had additionally been wounded in the leg and after the fighting had died down was taken back to the regimental first aid post.

He refused to stay there after his wounds had been dressed and returned to his company just as it was coming under a heavy German counter-attack. Overwhelmed by superior strength, Upham's company fought until it was down to a handful of men. Severely wounded again, Upham was unable to fall back and was captured. By this time Auchinleck had reluctantly decided to suspend the Eighth Army attack, as so many elements of it had gone astray through poor co-ordination.

For some months Upham was assumed to have been killed. But in October 1942 he was reported to be a prisoner in Italy where he lay, gravely ill, for some months while he recovered from his wounds. He was subsequently transferred to Germany where he set himself to be as much of a nuisance to his captors as he could for the rest of the war. After numerous attempts to escape he suffered the common fate of such irritant PoWs, and was transferred to Castle Colditz. From there he was eventually liberated by advancing American troops in April 1945.

After his release he was reunited with his fiancée, Miss Eileen McTamney, a New Zealand nurse who had been serving with the Red Cross in northwest Europe. They were married in Britain in June 1945. It was not until September 1945 that the VC which acknowledged his bravery in 1942 was gazetted. He was sitting having his portrait painted in an artist's studio in Wellington, New Zealand, when the telegram announcing the award was handed to him. He put it in his pocket without even telling the artist.

Meanwhile he had bought the farm he had always longed for. In doing so he rejected a gift of £10,000 raised for the purpose by the citizens of his native Christchurch, and allowed it to be used to fund a scholarship to help the children of servicemen to get to university. From then on he lived quietly, in the sheep country near Parnassus in New Zealand's South Island, shunning the limelight and the embarrassment of public recognition. It was only on his return trips to Britain to attend the reunions of the VC and GC Association that he ever felt quite at ease alluding to wartime deeds, among people who understood what it all really meant. His VCs, he maintained to the end, were a recognition of the achievements of all the young New Zealanders who had fought in that conflict.

He leaves his widow, Eileen, and three daughters.

PREBENDARY FRANK COVENTRY

Prebendary Frank Coventry, Rector of St Marylebone, 1958-78, died on November 12 aged 81. He was born on April 2, 1913.



FRANK COVENTRY was a scholar-parson whose long and distinguished ministry in London was fired by a firm Christian faith clothed in gracious English manners. In one sense, he represented an old-fashioned strand in the Church of England — and especially in the diocese of London — having no interest in ecclesiastical partisanship and being identified with no wing within the Anglican Church.

Born in South London, Frank Coventry was the youngest of the three children of James and Florence Coventry. His parents were Methodists and, though while up at Cambridge the young Coventry joined the Church of England — largely through the influence of C. S. Lewis and the appeal of the music and architecture of the Anglican tradition — he retained throughout his life a fondness and affection for his Free Church roots.

Educated at the Strand School, Brixton, he read English at King's College, London, taking a first. Towards the end of his time there septicaemia left him gravely ill and he was not expected to live. Although he pulled through, much to the surprise of his doctors, his life was lived never far from the shadow it cast. At Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he pursued his study of sentiment and sensibility in 18th-century English literature, gaining a PhD for his thesis on the work of Richardson, Fielding and Johnson. It was there he met his wife Ursula, studying social science at the London School of Economics evacuated to Cambridge during the war. They married in 1948.

Coventry taught English at Raynes Park Grammar School, numbering among his pupils the broadcaster Robert Robinson. The lack of spiritual values among the boys encouraged him to offer himself for ordination. Two years at Lincoln Theological College, under the direction of Eric Abbott, later Dean of Westminster, led to his ordination in 1946 and a curacy at All Saints, Dulwich.

Rejoining Abbott as chaplain and tutor at King's College, London, in 1948 he spent five years there before being appointed vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Enfield, in 1953. Coventry was heart and soul a parish priest and thrived on the round of parish activities. Following the sudden death in 1958 of the Rev J. B. H. Evans, the relatively youthful Rector of St Marylebone, Coventry was appointed by the Crown to the living which was to become his greatest work.

St Marylebone was an extremely busy parish to which he applied a pastoral heart, informed by his own physical frailty, and an effective preaching ministry to which he brought clarity and scholarship. Apart from one year spent on exchange with an episcopalian clergyman in Charleston, South Carolina — where his impeccable English manner made a great impression — he devoted his energies to the people of St Marylebone and to the many young curates given to him to train. In 1973 he was made a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral and on three occasions served as chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Retirement brought little respite from ecclesiastical duties and Coventry worked assiduously during vacancies at St Mary, Brookfield, St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, and St Saviour, Eton Road. The time he had for leisure pursuits was filled with music and architecture and he remained an able pianist to the end of his life. He and his wife were active members of the Hampstead branch of the National Trust and of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society. A man firm on the basis of the Christian faith, he wrote a book in defence of St Paul.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, a third daughter having died in infancy.

BENNY LEE

Benny Lee, film lighting technician, died from cancer on October 28 aged 59. He was born in London on March 17, 1935.

A GENERATION of cinematographers — from David Lean to Steven Spielberg — whose film credits carried the line "Lighting by Lee Electric" owed Benny Lee a debt of gratitude for his technical expertise in illuminating film sets. His company won a technical achievement Oscar in 1987 and he was responsible for providing the one megawatt of light — enough to illuminate a small village — required to televise royal weddings and major outside television broadcasts, such as the Pope's visit to London, for the BBC.

Over a period of thirty years, along with his ever-present partner and brother, John, Benny Lee was a mainstay of the British film industry. Starting out as electricians, the Lee brothers began their company in the early 1960s by renting out four lamps and 50 feet of cable, eventually building it into the largest film lighting company in the world. They were responsible for lighting 15 films a year including the *Star Wars* epics, *Indiana Jones*, *Out of Africa* and *The Killing Fields*.

Resolutely, year after year, through days bright and dark, they ploughed their profits back into the business, whether by financing new films or investing funds in the latest state-of-the-art filters, cameras and new lighting technology.

They bought a biscuit factory in north Kensington which they converted into a three-stage studio and went on to buy London Weekend Television's original studios. Driven by Benny and John's eternal optimism and courage, the Lee company gradually took over Shepperton studios, going on to purchase the Panavision Camera Corporation in California. The company went public in 1986. The brothers sold their interest in the company two years later but, with their enthusiasm undimmed, returned to the business, when they were contractually able to do so.

Their most recent innovation was the Leemobile, the first of a new generation of lighting vehicles combining a 150kw silent generator with a purpose-built module, carrying a payload of 600 items capable of servicing a TV or film production's entire lighting needs.

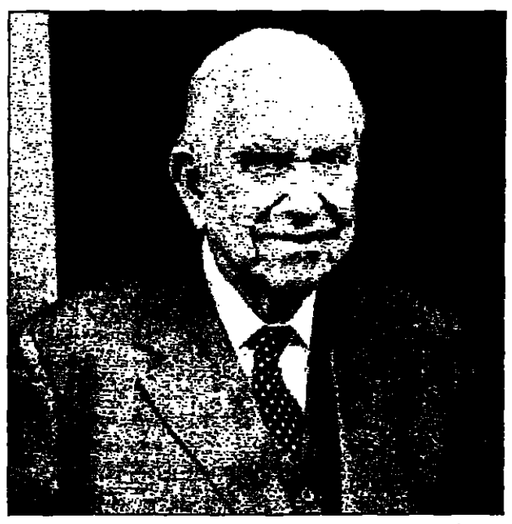
Gregarious, outgoing and startlingly frank, Benny Lee did business in a flamboyant, always personal style and with ceaseless and sometimes outrageous bravado. This set him apart from the more staid businessmen involved in the British film industry. He remained a perennial outsider as far as the film world's traditional corporate establishment was concerned but, although he sometimes ruffled a few artistic feathers, he was regarded as an insider by the film-makers themselves.

When Alan Parker, the director, was shooting his film *Fame* in New York in 1979 and found himself with insufficient funds to light the final scene, Lee promptly dispatched 40 space lights from London, which, he said, were to be paid for "whenever". It was an example of trust and support, rarely found in the murky, money-or-nothing film business.

Benny Lee was married twice; he is survived by his second wife, Penelope, and by two children from each of his marriages.

ERWIN GRISWOLD

Erwin Griswold, former United States Solicitor-General, died in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 19 aged 90. He was born in East Cleveland, Ohio, on July 14, 1904.



ERWIN GRISWOLD argued more cases before the Supreme Court than any other living lawyer. He also enjoyed the rare distinction of serving as Solicitor-General in both Democratic and Republican Administrations, being originally appointed by Lyndon Johnson in 1967 and retained by Richard Nixon until choosing to retire to go into private practice in 1973.

Griswold's prime characteristic as a lawyer was his sense of fairness. Gruff and somewhat taciturn in manner, he was described in a 1960 *New York Times* profile as "a lifelong Republican with a background of Midwest conservatism; built like a granite block and just as inflexible in his conceptions of basic rectitude."

It was this quality that led him to denounce his fellow Republican, Senator Joseph McCarthy, during the latter's Communist witch-hunt of the 1950s. In a book entitled *The Fifth Amendment Today*, Griswold lashed out at McCarthy's attempt to override the constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

At the time Griswold was Dean of Harvard Law School, a position he held from 1946 until 1967 and in which he became the dominant figure in American legal education. He doubled the size of the faculty, oversaw the enrolment of the first female students in 1950, and lived to see one of them, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, become a Supreme Court Justice.

Erwin Nathaniel Griswold had taught at Harvard since 1934, having graduated there in 1928. In the interim he served as a staff lawyer for the Solicitor-General. He was an expert at arguing tax cases before the Supreme Court.

Despite his politics, Griswold acted as an expert witness for Thurgood Marshall, then the legal director of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, during Marshall's fight for school desegregation. He went on to serve on the US Civil Rights Commission under President Kennedy, and had no problem in supporting the Great Society legislation introduced by Lyndon Johnson.

Under Nixon, however, Griswold found himself defending the new Administration's more conservative positions, most notably in the 1971 case involving the Pentagon Papers. He argued before the Supreme Court that *The New York Times* and other papers should be barred from publishing the secret Defence Department history of the Vietnam war on grounds of national security, but the Justices decided otherwise.

Not afraid to admit a mistake, Griswold wrote in 1989 that he had "never seen any trace of a threat to the national security from publication," though things had looked different in 1971. "There's a good deal of difference," he said, "between foresight and hindsight."

He is survived by his wife Harriet, and by their son and daughter.

DAME GRACIE FIELDS

Dame Gracie Fields, DBE, who died on September 27, at the age of 81, was perhaps the most popular entertainer of the day. She was, moreover, one of those few who are able to step beyond the strict limits of their profession and become a national figure. To many thousands of people who never saw her "Our Gracie" was a beloved character, the very embodiment of that fairy-tale quality in our age which allowed a poor mill girl to rise, by talent, personality and character, above the circumstances of her birth to astonishing heights of success.

Slender, rather tall, with a slight stoop, thin lips and strongly marked, somewhat pointed features, she caught the attention immediately she appeared. Her face, crowned with a mass of hair rippling back from a broad, high forehead, was intelligent rather than beautiful. As a performer she had two great gifts, a delicious sense of burlesque and genuine, homely fun, and an exceptionally beautiful and flexible voice, with a wide range. Her vocal technique improved steadily throughout her career, and even late in life the beauty of her high notes and the precision and neatness of her phrasing were remarkable. The excellence of her singing, indeed, at one time seemed a menace to her performance, for the sentimental ditties, on which she lavished so much artistry, were quite unworthy of her talent. Early in her career she had an entrancing trick of indicating her real opinion of these tearful ballads by introducing into the middle of her song some ludicrous trick of voice, or by absentmindedly scratching her back between high notes. Then for a time she became, to the disappointment of her more discerning admirers, more and more a serious sentimental singer, and her charming little buffooneries and her comic songs in her native Lancashire dialect became less and less prominent in her act. Later, however, though she did not return to the burlesque of her sentimental numbers, she restored a proper proportion of comic singing, and would give eight or 10 songs on end, alternately sentimental and humorous. As a comic singer she was delicious. Her fun, which was always good-humoured, inoffensive and full of character, seemed to bubble out of herself, and needed none of the extravagant make-up or costume on which many comediennes have relied.

Gracie Fields could change in a second from the heartbroken night-club frequenter begging for "Music, Maestro, Please" to the Lancashire mill girl who owned "The Biggest Aspidestra [sic] in the World" or had been to the christening of "Mrs Binn's Twins" without changing her dress or even altering her hair. Just as quickly and easily she could become the young Welsh girl whose family had "Got to Keep up with the Joneses". Gracie Fields had a very great spontaneous comic talent, a lovely voice and a personality (perhaps the most important asset of all, since the basis of the art of the music hall is personality) which made her, whether she was being funny or sentimental, always unaffectedly good and likeable company.

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NEWS

Tory Euro-sceptics renew threat

■ John Major faced fresh trouble over Europe last night when Conservative Eurosceptics launched a campaign to persuade him to drop his threat to call a general election over the European finance Bill.

In a further blow, the senior backbencher who warned Tory MPs against opposing the new Bill was confronted with an unexpected challenge for his job ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Serbs keep up Bihac offensive

■ Bosnian Serb forces pressed on with their attempt to overrun the United Nations "safe area" of Bihac, as Nato warned that its fighter aircraft were ready to mount a second airstrike. A Bosnian army source in Zagreb said there was hand-to-hand fighting less than two miles from Bihac as the Serbs closed in ..... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

Award for soldier

A Coldstream Guard, has become the second non-commissioned soldier to receive the Military Cross..... *Page 1*

Threat to the City

The City of London is to spend an extra £1 million on security after receiving intelligence reports that the IRA is continuing to move men and bomb-making material around England..... **Page 1**

Tycoon's legacy

A New York tycoon has left £58 million to hundreds of people he had read about in newspapers but never met. Milton Petrie, a clothing magnate, died on November 6 at 92 ..... **Page 1**

Railtrack claim

Labour produced what it said were leaked confidential government papers to back its claim that the Government was rushing through the £6.5 billion Railtrack privatisation to fund pre-election tax cuts..... **Page 2**

Bayonet death

A teenager was stabbed to death with a bayonet after being caught in a battle between gangs from rival schools, Sheffield Crown Court was told ..... **Page 3**

Pressure on priest

A born-again Christian explained that she wanted her twice-divorced priest to be sacked because he was "setting a bad spiritual example"..... **Page 5**

Quarantine caution

The Government is reacting with caution to a report that claims quarantine controls are no longer *needed to protect Britain against* rabies..... **Page 6**

Saving the view

For 20 years Ron Taverner has marvelled at the view from a clifftop on the Isle of Wight. When the area was threatened with development, he bought it for the nation ..... **Page 9**

Attack on Europe

Jonathan Aitken, one of the Cabinet's leading rightwingers, launched a critical attack on Europe's economic record..... **Page 11**

French surprise

British satisfaction over French assurances on slowing the drive for European integration took a knock when the Paris government unveiled a plan for an EU "revolution"..... **Page 14**

Berlusconi inquiry

Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, came under pressure to resign after he was placed under investigation by Milan magistrates..... **Page 15**

Compensation plea

An international jurists' group has added to mounting pressure on Japan to compensate victims of its wartime brutality, particularly women who were forced into sex slavery during the Second World War ..... **Page 16**

Sleepy sheriff loses appeal over job

■ Scotland's most outspoken sheriff, who fell asleep in court and once said he would turn to crime for £100,000, lost his appeal for reinstatement. Sheriff Ewen Stewart, who was sacked after making a series of controversial remarks, is the first sheriff to be successfully dismissed by a Scottish Secretary in 17 years..... **Page 3**



JUDA NGWENYA

The Princess Royal walks through a squatter settlement yesterday in the Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg. Report, page 17

BUSINESS

Telecoms: BT has abandoned plans for a £15 billion information superhighway after the Government refused to lift a ban on the broadcast of television by telephone..... **Page 25**

Milk: Northern Foods expects to make big job cuts in the wake of the new milk regime and food industry *competition*..... **Page 25**

Merger: Johnson Matthey and Cookson said they had ended merger talks but the two metals firms would still co-operate on their ceramics venture..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 42.3 points to close at 3078.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 79.9 to 79.8 after a rise from $1.5680 to $1.5705 but a fall from *DM2.4450 to DM2.4401*..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Devon Malcolm, England's main attacking bowler, has come down with chicken pox and will miss the first Test against Australia in Brisbane..... **Page 48**

Football: Brian Little resigned as manager of Leicester City, the bottom club in the Premiership, opening the way for him to be appointed at Aston Villa..... **Page 48**

Rugby union: South Africa's midweek side laboured to a 9-3 victory over Pontypridd, bereft of imagination and hounded by the referee's whistle..... **Page 43**

Tennis: The income generated by the Wimbledon championships rose by 70 per cent to almost £28 million, but the sum is in inverse proportion to the success of British *tennis*..... **Page 48**

Triumph for Reg: "Kevin Elyot may not yet be Chekhov, but he writes with a warmth and humour all his own," writes Benedict Nightingale about *My Night with Reg*, now in the West End..... **Page 34**

Chorus of qualified approval: At English National Opera, the chorus is preparing for the epic challenge of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*. But in the ranks there is disquiet about conditions at the Coliseum..... **Page 33**

Celebrating Pathé: A great empire of the early cinema is remembered in a new Paris show ..... **Page 35**

Whitney: In New York, the ever-controversial Whitney Museum of American Art has mounted a provocative new show devoted to images of black men ..... **Page 35**



IN THE TIMES

■ **BLACK CHRISTMAS**
Geoff Brown on the ghoulish seasonal fantasy *The nightmare before Christmas*

■ **FACE TO FACE**
■ **Alistair Horne on the many faces, private and public, of George Weidenfeld**

Major strength: Next week John Major enters his fifth year as Prime Minister. Matthew Parris looks at his survival skills..... **Page 18**

Bah, humbug. Libby Purves on the misery of organising relations at Christmas..... **Page 18**

Racing demon: *"You can never* have too many straightforward shirts." Iain R. Webb on the Racing Green catalogue..... **Page 19**

Collect £2 million: Rachel Kelly looks at houses to buy if you win the lottery?..... **Page 39**

Press check: Lord Wakeham says of the PCC: "I would like people to be proud of the way we handle complaints" ..... **Page 37**

All the news? Can a politically correct slant to news-gathering boost US papers?..... **Page 37**

Serb forces in the area must be elated: Thirty high-tech Nato war planes come roaring over their positions and the only loss incurred is an expendable strip of concrete
— The Wall Street Journal

Haiti is no Somalia. The US invasion of the Caribbean nation is going much better than expected
— Los Angeles Times

Woman's Hour and *Sunday Sport* reporters swap jobs in *Lifeswaps* (BBC2, 7.00pm) ..... **Page 47**

Lyane Truss on *The Plot*, a simple tale of allotment folk..... **Page 47**

Fox in the fire

The atmosphere in the lobbies has changed from bored gloom at the start of the session to febrile plotting..... **Page 21**

Empty shells

Nato could provide some protection for the civilians of Bihac, but it *cannot provide cover for political* disarray..... **Page 21**

Monastic menu

The monks of the old Church may have eaten too much; but that should not belittle the richness of their achievement..... **Page 21**

MATTHEW PARRIS
Following, as it did, a speech of staggering banality from the Archbishop of Canterbury, and an opinion about war crimes from Lord Campbell of Alloway ... Lord Attenborough had little competition..... **Page 1**

PETER RIDDELL
The political importance of the chairmanship [of the 1922 Committee] has fallen as its media prominence has risen..... **Page 10**

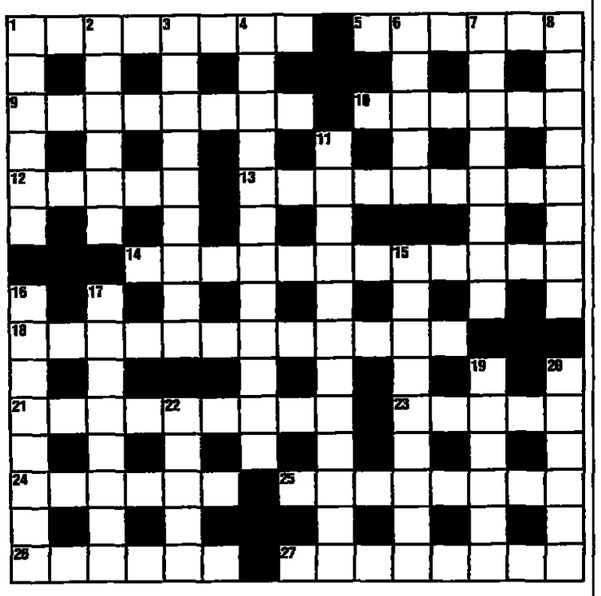
SIMON JENKINS
To those struggling to privatise BR, I can only cry, remember the poll tax, and read this book. For it tells how the flawed processes of British government can turn fine intention into ghastly error..... **Page 20**

ALAN COREN
I should tell you, so you can picture the scene, this was an entire duck, head, legs, wings, lacking only feathers. Instead of feathers, it appeared to be dressed in a tight-fitting shiny cat-suit..... **Page 20**

Charles Upham, one of the three double VC holders in the history of the decoration; **Prebendary Frank Coventry**, Rector of St Marylebone, 1958-78; **Benny Lee**, lighting technician; **Erwin Griswold**, former US Solicitor-General..... **Page 23**

British Gas price and pay rises; the effect of salt on hypertension; doubts on Europe ..... **Page 21**

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,707



ACROSS

1 *Main road in the Cotswolds* (8).
5 Lacking muscle tension, try a pick-me-up (6).
9 Stock drink as a favour (8).
10 Out of bed, come round to make a recovery (6).
12 Ring in the schnozzle as in the marriage-tie? (5).
13 If not white, rosé is drunk (9).
14 Continual knocking is geologists' work (5-7).
18 Dominant parent ordered brood to go inside (12).
21 Keen to hold stock of ship's supplies (9).
23 Noon? Correct! (5).
24 Playful for half a day? Heavens! (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,706

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25 Tour guide Tully has the directions (8).
26 This procedure makes copper most unhappy (6).
27 Fit purse or compact (4-4).

DOWN

1 Family in balloon becoming terribly hot (6).
2 Scandinavian money almost spent in this state (6).
3 Reckless road speed is criminal (9).
4 Recognized and saluted (12).
6 Lush part of Sorrento, perhaps? (5).
7 Ruins tie undoing it in a nervous state (8).
8 Meet and study to the limit (8).
11 Jacobite rebellion article on record? (3,5-4).
15 Apple some would call a perfect peach? (9).
16 Particular old remedy (8).
17 Elegiacs in versions that come down to us? (8).
19 Lament bird now extinct in mountain area of Scotland (6).
20 Short notice (6).
22 A gimpse of India? (5).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 8C (48F); highest rainfall: Guernsey, *0.24in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, and South*port, Merseyside, 7.3hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start dull and misty but some bright *intervals will develop, especially to the* east. Around midday, rain will reach northwestern parts, then edge into central districts by evening. Northern Ireland will be cloudy and wet during the morning but will be brighter with a few showers later. Scotland will start cloudy as rain, heavy in places, pushes in from the north west, clearing all parts early in the afternoon. Heavy showers will be left over western districts for a time. It will be cooler in the north, where gales are likely, but very mild elsewhere.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** mostly cloudy, local drizzle, but also brighter intervals. Wind south or southwest, mainly moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N:** bright spells, rain later. Wind southwest to west, mainly moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** bright spells but some rain later. Wind southwest, fresh or strong, becoming west, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** rain at first, dry with broken cloud later. Wind southwest fresh or strong, moderating later. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** rain early, cloud and showers later. Wind southwest, strong, moderating later. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain and heavy showers later. Wind southwest, strong or gale. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** drizzle in the north west but mainly dry elsewhere. Slightly cooler generally but above normal.

AROUND BRITAIN

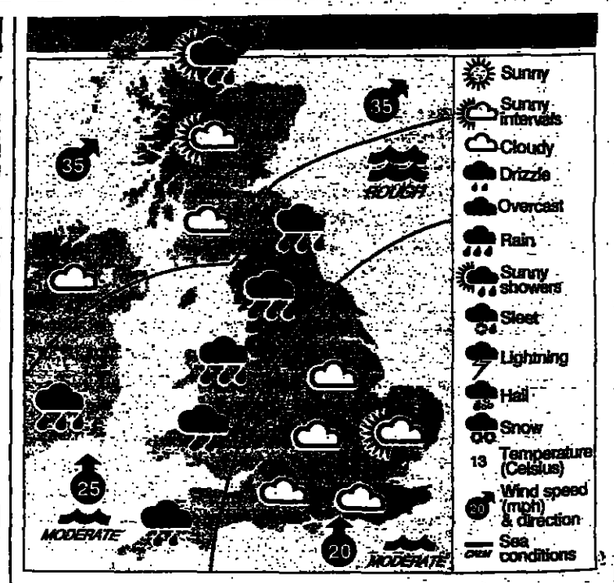
24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; dd=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.4	-	10	50	s	Liverpool	7.3	-	13	55	s
Anglesey	4.6	-	13	55	b	London	-	-	13	55	c
Aspatria	5.1	-	12	54	s	Lowestoft	0.3	0.01	10	50	c
Aviemore	0.2	0.01	9	48	sh	Manchester	7.1	-	12	54	s
Belfast	5.4	-	10	50	s	Margate	X	-	12	54	du
Birmingham	4.4	-	13	55	b	Minehead	-	-	13	55	c
Bognor R	-	0.06	11	52	r	Morecambe	4.7	-	12	54	s
Bournem'th	-	0.06	11	52	r	Newcastle	7.0	-	12	54	s
Bristol	-	-	12	54	c	Newquay	-	0.02	13	55	c
Buxton	5.5	-	10	50	s	Norwich	1.3	-	10	50	c
Cardiff	0.3	-	11	52	c	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	-	-	11	52	c	Oxford	0.5	-	12	54	fg
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	-	0.07	13	55	c
Colwyn Bay	6.7	-	14	57	s	Plymouth	-	0.03	12	54	r
Cromer	2.1	-	11	52	b	Poole	-	0.07	12	54	r
Doncaster	8.4	-	12	54	s	Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	s
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	0.7	-	12	54	c
Edinburgh	5.4	-	10	50	s	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	0.03	9	48	du	Sandown	-	0.04	13	55	r
Exmouth	-	0.07	12	54	d	Scarrin Snd	0.2	-	12	54	c
Falmouth	X	0.04	13	55	r	Scarboro'	6.6	-	9	48	s
Fishguard	1.8	-	11	52	b	Scilly Isles	-	0.05	13	55	fg
Folkestone	X					Shanklin	-	0.04	12	54	r
Glasgow	3.1	0.04	10	50	b	Shrewsbury	X				
Guernsey	-	0.24	15	59	r	Skegness	4.1	-	11	52	s
Hastings	-	0.03	12	54	r	Southend	-	-	15	59	du
Hayling I.	-	0.04	12	54	r	Southport	7.3	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	-	-	11	52	du	Southsea	-	0.04	12	54	r
Hove	-	0.02	13	55	du	Stornoway	0.4	0.02	11	52	sh
Hunstanton	3.2	-	10	50	s	Swanage	-	0.09	13	55	d
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	-	0.09	13	55	r
Isle of Man	6.5	-	13	55	s	Tenby	-	-	13	55	c
Jersey	-	0.06	15	59	r	Tiree	3.0	-	11	52	b
Kinloss	0.1	0.02	11	52	c	Torquay	-	0.11	13	55	d
Leeds	6.4	-	13	55	s	Tynemouth	7.3	-	11	52	s
Lerwick	0.5	0.06	10	50	c	Ventnor	-	0.02	12	54	r
Leuchars	5.3	-	10	50	b	Weymouth	-	0.10	12	54	r
Littlehmptn	-	0.05	12	54	r	These are Monday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	s	Corfu	15	59	s	Majorca	17	63	s
Alicatri	19	66	f	Dublin	11	52	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Malta	18	66	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Faro	18	64	c	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Florence	12	54	f	Mexico C	20	68	s
Athens	12	54	c	Frankfurt	13	55	f	Miami	28	82	r
Bahrain	29	84	s	Funchal	25	77	s	Milan	8	46	c
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	9	48	fg	Montreal	8	46	s
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	17	63	c	Moscow	1	34	r
Beirut	22	72	f	Helsinki	2	36	c	Munich	12	54	f
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	27	81	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	10	50	f	Innsbruck	10	50	s	Naples	19	64	s
Bermuda	28	79	s	Istanbul	9	48	r	N Delhi	24	75	s
Biarritz	12	54	c	Jeddah	31	88	s	N York	14	57	c
Jo'da's	15	59	f	Jo'burg	26	79	s	Nice	18	64	s
Brussels	11	52	f	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	5	41	s
Budapst	11	52	f	L Palmas	28	79	s	Paris	14	57	c
B Aires	29	84	s	Le Touqt	12	54	s	Peking	9	48	s
Cairo	20	68	f	Lisbon	12	54	fg	Perth	28	82	s
Cape Tn	19	66	c	Locarno	7	45	c	Prague	11	52	f
Chicago	7	45	c	L Angels	15	59	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Ch'church	21	70	s	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	18	64	f
Cologne	11	52	f	Luxor	24	75	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phagn	3	46	s	Madrid	15	59	s	Riyadh	30	86	s
								Rome	17	63	s
								Salzburg	13	55	c
								S F'isco	10	50	s
								Santiago	28	84	s
								S Paulo	17	63	c
								Seoul	11	52	s
								Sing'por	31	88	f
								Stkholm	4	39	s
								Strasb'rg	10	61	f
								Sydney	33	73	f
								Tangier	21	70	s
								Tel Aviv	30	86	s
								Tenerife	28	82	s
								Tokyo	17	63	f
								Toronto	11	52	r
								Tunis	30	86	s
								Valencia	19	66	s
								Vanc'ver	1	34	c
								Venice	7	45	fg
								Vienna	12	54	c
								Warsaw	9	48	f
								Wash'ton	17	63	r
								Wel'ngton	14	57	c
								Zurich	9	48	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: low F continues to move NE and slowly fills; low *I remains in mid-Atlantic and slowly fills; high G builds and slides very slightly SE*



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.11	6.7	4.49	6.8	Liverpool	1.36	8.4	1.53	8.6
Aberdeen	4.03	3.8	4.12	3.9	Lowestoft	-	-	12.25	2.3
Avonmouth	9.37	11.8	9.59	11.4	Margate	2.12	4.6	2.39	4.4
Belfast	1.25	3.1	1.46	3.5	Milford Haven	6.43	6.2	9.05	5.9
Cardiff	9.21	11.12	9.43	10.87	Newquay	7.57	6.3	8.01	6.0
Devonport	8.14	5.1	8.36	4.8	Oban	8.05	3.7	8.59	3.4
Dover	1.12	6.3	1.22	6.2	Penzance	7.18	5.2	7.41	4.8
Falmouth	7.44	4.9	8.08	4.6	Portland	8.49	1.8	9.51	1.9
Glasgow	3.28	4.5	3.25	4.9	Portsmouth	1.46	4.4	1.56	4.4
Harwich	2.05	3.8	2.30	3.7	Shoreham	1.27	5.7	1.38	5.6
Holyhead	12.47	5.1	1.01	5.2	Southampton	1.12	4.2	1.29	4.2
Hull	8.55	6.86	9.01	6.69	Stornoway	8.50	8.4	9.10	8.1
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Nadir forced to check out of northern Cyprus hotels

BY JON ASHWORTH

AUTHORITIES in northern Cyprus are reported to have seized two hotels controlled by Asil Nadir, fuelling speculation that mounting financial pressures could flush the fugitive tycoon from his island sanctuary.

Government sequestrators are believed to have been appointed to the Jasmine Court and Palm Beach hotels in an attempt to recover about $1.5 million in unpaid taxes and social security payments. The swoop is thought to be part of a wider government-led backlash against Mr Nadir, who fled Britain last year while awaiting trial on theft and false accounting charges involving £34 million.

The hotels are part of a range of interests on the island owned by Polly Peck International but remaining under Mr Nadir's control. Companies under his influence are reported to owe as much as $15 million in taxes and social security. Accountants seeking to realise assets for Polly Peck's creditors have had their efforts blocked by a series of injunctions and court orders initiated by Mr Nadir.

The seized hotels are owned by Voyager Kibris, a Polly Peck subsidiary. Other local interests include Unipac, a packaging company, and Sunvest Trading, a fruit packaging concern. The government of northern Cyprus is understood to be poised to take further measures to recover outstanding funds.

Chris Barlow of Coopers & Lybrand, lead administrator to Polly Peck, said claims about the seizure of assets had been confirmed by independent sources. The government action, he said, would deprive Mr Nadir of an important source of revenue.

Mr Barlow has told the authorities in northern Cyprus that the matter of outstanding tax liabilities would be settled if Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, gained possession of Polly Peck assets in the disputed territory.

Mr Nadir received a hero's welcome when he returned to northern Cyprus last May after skipping bail of £3.5 million in the UK. But the matter of unpaid taxes, together with growing economic pressure, are understood to have sparked a change in local sentiment. He remains isolated in a heavily fortified villa protected by an army of bodyguards.

The turning point can be traced to July, when the European Community announced a ban on citrus imports from northern Cyprus. The measures will have had an immediate impact on fruit farms and processing plants under Mr Nadir's control.

The swoop on Mr Nadir's hotel assets comes just days after a senior local politician gave warning of imminent action against the former tycoon. Ozker Ozgur, deputy prime minister of the disputed territory, said in London last week that the government was determined to collect outstanding monies. He told a newspaper: "[Mr Nadir] must pay. He has no alternative. If he does not pay, then we will take the assets and sell them."

Cookson Matthey merger collapses

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

COOKSON and Johnson Matthey have abruptly called off their merger talks, which would have created a £2.5 billion industrial materials group, after failing to agree on terms for a share swap.

The two companies said yesterday that negotiations have been terminated indefinitely.

The talks collapsed after both companies held board meetings yesterday morning and then made a short conference call to each other.

A joint statement from Robert Malpas and Richard Oster, the chairman and chief executive of Cookson, and David Davies, chairman of John Matthey, said: "We have looked fully into the ways in which a merger of Cookson and Johnson Matthey might fairly have rewarded shareholders on each side. Sadly we were not able to agree a recommendation to our respective shareholders, and so our discussions have now ceased."

Both companies are said to have been demanding premium prices in any merger.

Cookson, which is capitalised at £1.4 billion, was determined to have the upper hand in any merger while Johnson Matthey, valued at £1.1 billion, was insisting on terms that would have made it a merger of equals.

Both sides tried to emphasise that there had not been a clash of personalities and that there was no animosity following the collapse of the talks. They will continue to cooperate in Cookson Matthey Ceramics, the joint venture they established on July 1, which was one of the catalysts in the merger talks.

The collapse of the negotiations destroys years of planning by Cookson, which first planned a takeover of Johnson Matthey in the late 1980s and built up a 10 per cent stake which it placed in 1990 when it hit financial difficulties. Cookson dusted off its plans earlier this year after it had returned to financial health and bought Johnson Matthey's precious metals business.

The City had questioned the logic behind a merger which would have created a group called Cookson Matthey. But Mr Malpas and Mr Davies were keen to bring together their electronics businesses, which make many of the components and materials for printed circuit boards. Johnson Matthey's precious metals refining business would have provided the raw materials for Cookson's manufacturing operations.

Both company chiefs felt their respective materials businesses complemented each other, although some areas, particularly Johnson Matthey's catalytic converter business, would have remained as separate divisions in the combined group.

The two companies were forced to admit they were in merger talks last week when reports of the possible deal leaked. At that stage discussions were said to be at an early stage.

Richard Malthouse, Cookson's company secretary, said the group would continue to look for smaller acquisitions to expand its existing industrial materials businesses, but did not have any other large deals planned.

Johnson Matthey is expected to reveal its future plans tomorrow when it announces its interim results. These are expected to show a 20 per cent rise in profits to more than £40 million.

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TeleWest opens at premium

SHARES in TeleWest, the UK's biggest cable operator, were priced at 182p yesterday and opened at a respectable premium to that price despite a sagging stock market, and with help from American investors. (Martin Waller writes).

Trading on a conditional, when-issued basis ahead of investors receiving their share certificates, the shares ended the day at 185½p. TeleWest's advisers said the issue could have been sold six times over at the price set, which values the company at £1.8 billion.

British investors were lukewarm and the 25 per cent of stock in the UK offer allocated to private clients was undersubscribed.

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JEFF ROSS



Sour news: Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, at Dale Farm, Hull

Northern Foods jobs casualty of milk war

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

NORTHERN Foods gave warning of substantial job cuts in the wake of the new milk regime and continuing tough competition in the food industry.

Christopher Haskins, the chairman, said yesterday that the group was reviewing its cost base and would announce its restructuring plans before the financial year-end in March. He refused to be drawn on the number of jobs at risk, but a drastic reduction in the group's 29,000 workforce is expected. About 1,200 jobs have gone in the past year alone.

Northern has been affected by higher milk costs under Milk Marque, the successor to the Milk Marketing Board, and by the continued decline of its doorstep milk and small shop businesses, which are being squeezed by the supermarket price wars.

Mr Haskins said the new contracts with Milk Marque, which took effect from November 1, would increase Northern's milk bill by about £50 million a year. Although Northern has been able to pass on some of the increase to its customers, profits will still be hit by about £15 million.

His remarks came as Northern announced a 25 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £53.7 million from £72.1 million in the six months to September 30. Excluding an exceptional £11.5 million loss on the disposal of businesses, profits fell by 10 per cent.

Mr Haskins said it was a disappointing performance, adding that it was first profit decline in the group's food business since it went public in 1966.

Profits were down by 14 per cent to £34.5 million (£40 million) in the dairy operations largely because of a raw milk price increase in July. Doorstep sales, which account for 45 per cent of the group's milk volumes, declined by 12 per cent and more than offset continued growth from supermarkets.

Mr Haskins said the group has lost some share in the supermarket sector, but was now aggressively defending its position.

The convenience foods and meat businesses saw profits slide by 18 per cent and 15 per cent respectively, reflecting the fall-off in trade to small retailers. The grocery division, which includes the Fox's biscuit brand, was the only operation to increase profits.

Mr Haskins said Northern's performance would continue to be affected by intense retail competition and higher milk prices in the near future. Nevertheless the interim dividend is held at 3.5p and will be paid to shareholders on March 17.

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BT drops £15bn superhighway as ban stays on TV

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT HAS abandoned plans for a £15 billion information superhighway linking every home in the land after the Government refused to lift a ban on the broadcast of television by telephone.

Investment in fibre-optic cable to improve the quality of services will be restricted to businesses and public services, where larger volumes of traffic justify the cost, a spokesman said. He added: "We cannot commit to cabling the whole country — which is what we had wanted."

In choosing to maintain the ban until 2001, the Government has rejected conclusions of an inquiry by the Commons trade and industry committee, which said that a single national network, open to all service providers, would be needed. Without it, there would be insufficient demand to justify rapid development of computer-based information and entertainment services, the committee said.

Instead, the Government said that it will stick by its strategy, established in 1991, of allowing only cable television companies to broadcast television and other entertainment by cable into homes. That decision underpins £1.2 billion of investment by cable companies in building duplicate local networks that compete with BT in telephone services.

Giving the government response to the MPs, together with ideas to encourage development of "broadband" communications, Ian Taylor, the technology minister, said: "The promises made in the 1991 White Paper will be adhered to."

However, he opened the door to BT to apply to offer broadcast entertainment, using existing wires, in areas where cable licences have been offered but not taken up. Those areas cover about a million people, and include most of Northern Ireland.

BT could still offer video-on-demand and other interactive services by telephone, Mr Taylor said.

Richard Caborn, the Labour chairman of the committee, said that he was "deeply disappointed" by the Government's response. The White Paper had been overtaken by technical innovation, he said.

Introducing the government policy statement, *Creating the Superhighways of the Future: Developing Broadband Communications in the UK*, Mr Taylor announced a new group of industrialists to advise it on development of multi-media services.

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FT-SE 100	3078.7	(-42.3)
Yield	4.16%	
FT-SE A All share	1532.32	(-17.69)
Nikkei	18962.99	(-158.73)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3755.04	(-14.47)*
S&P Composite	456.86	(-1.43)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	93³²⁄₃₂*	(92¹⁰⁄₃₂)
Yield	8.11%*	(8.13%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	102¹⁄₁₆	(102¹³⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5694*	(1.5673)
London:		
$	1.5695	(1.5665)
DM	2.4413	(2.4426)
FFr	8.3810	(8.3870)
SFr	2.0719	(2.0695)
Yen	154.06	(154.07)
£ Index	79.8	(79.9)

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London:		
DM	1.5550*	(1.5565)
FFr	5.3395*	(5.3370)
SFr	1.3193*	(1.3183)
Yen	98.15*	(98.30)
$ Index	62.5	(62.6)

Tokyo close Yen 98.26

NORTH SEA OIL

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GOLD

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Oil frontier

The Government is to offer the offshore oil industry new oil and gas exploration zones in frontier areas far to the west of the British Isles in the next round of licences. Energy companies are being consulted before the 17th round of licensing, which is expected during the spring.

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Market tumbles

The FT-SE 100 index fell 42.3 points to close at 3,078.7 as Wall Street remained under pressure. Dealers, however, took heart from low trading volumes in British shares.

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BNFL slips quietly into the public sector

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE Government has quietly reclassified British Nuclear Fuels plc (BNFL) as part of the public sector, 23 years after setting it up as a state-owned nuclear reprocessing company under an earlier Conservative administration.

The change removes an anomaly that has been suggested as a potential model for giving the Post Office financial freedom while it remains wholly state-owned. In the 1970s several companies owned by the state were excluded from the public sector borrowing requirement, but most of these were government rescues. Only BNFL remained as a live precedent.

The Treasury insisted the change, made in September, was not politically inspired. Rather, the Treasury said, it had been initiated by the Central Statistical Office to bring Britain's national accounts into line with international definitions of the public sector.

The change was raised in the House of Commons by Jack Cunningham, the shadow Trade Secretary, who suggested it might, paradoxically, show how the Post Office could have financial freedom while remaining in the public sector.

BNFL said it had been assured by a Treasury minister the change would have no implications for the way in which the company will continue to operate commercially. BNFL was told: "The Treasury and DTI ministers are determined reclassification should not lead to any greater intervention by the Government in the company's affairs."

Exclusion from the public sector enabled BNFL to build the £3 billion Thorp plant at Sellafield without any impact on the PSBR.

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Scottish Nuclear puts a price on the power war

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

SCOTTISH Nuclear is aiming to produce electricity at a cost of just 2p a kilowatt hour, undercutting private sector generators using gas and coal fired stations.

The state-owned company aims to use the cut-price power to redouble its challenge to National Power and PowerGen by stepping up exports south of the border. Plans to increase capacity on the interconnector between the Scottish and English grid systems from 1,400 megawatts to 2,200 megawatts have just been announced. Robin Jeffrey, chief executive of Scottish Nuclear, hopes that improving competitiveness will strengthen the case for extending more commercial freedom to his company and its English sister company, Nuclear Electric. However, he concedes that privatisation of the nuclear generators, although desirable, is unlikely before the next election.

Although no new legislation would be needed to privatise the companies, Scottish Nuclear believes any attempt to transfer them to the private sector would require a bill to establish a segregated fund to finance decommissioning when the plants reach the end of their lives.

The government is expected to announce its strategy for the nuclear industry in a White Paper late next spring. The proposals will be based on the Government's year-long nuclear review, which is being compiled by senior officials at the Department of Trade and Industry.

The power price target was revealed by Dr Jeffrey alongside half-year output figures showing a 16 per cent increase over the same months of 1993. Since the creation of Scottish Nuclear as a state-owned company in September 1990, the unit cost of power has been reduced from 3.3p to a projected 2.8p in the year to end-March 1995.

To extend cost savings, Scottish Nuclear is aiming to extend the intervals between major shutdowns at its two advanced gas-cooled plants from two years to three. A further 150 employees will go this year as the company trims its staff to 1,750. At peak two years ago, numbers reached 2,200.

However, the focus is switching to outside cost-saving opportunities. Scottish Nuclear has spent £20 million designing and purchasing equipment needed to switch from reprocessing spent fuel to dry storage alongside its two operating plants.

The company says it will have to write off the cost unless consent for the dry stores is received before the financial year end.

Dr Jeffrey is confident that a public inquiry, completed earlier this year, will approve the stores, saving the company £45 million a year.

Scottish Nuclear is also asking the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate to extend the life of its older station, Hunterston, from 25 to 35 years. It could then spread decommissioning provisions over an extra decade, providing a £12 million a year cut in the output accounting cost. The company is also to seek formal tenders for the supply of fuel from companies in Sweden, Canada and Japan early next year.

Final frontier of UK oil and gas to open for bids

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government is to challenge Britain's offshore oil industry by offering new oil and gas exploration zones in frontier areas far to the west of the British Isles in the next round of offshore licences.

Energy companies are being consulted by the Department of Trade and Industry on their requirements for blocks of exploration areas, and the scope for new finds of oil and gas, before the 17th round of licensing, which is expected in the spring.

Ministers have designated large areas up to 200 miles beyond land, off the Outer Hebrides to the west of Scotland, and off the south-west peninsula. Most of the areas are unexplored, while many are characterised by difficult geology and rest under water up to 3,000 ft deep. But ministers are confident that changes in technology will assist energy companies in opening up new fields.

The 17th round will all but complete the areas around Britain still left to be exploited for natural gas and oil. The DTI expects licences to be granted by early 1996 at the latest. Ministers recognise that for areas at such a distance from the mainland, energy companies may be interested in licensing multiple blocks of perhaps up to 20, rather than smaller or even single areas.

Charles Wardle, industry and energy minister, said yesterday: "The broad thrust of the 17th round will be to hit new horizons." He was speaking as the Government launched more than 160 exploration blocks under the 16th offshore licensing round, and called on companies interested in licensing to be "competitive, innovative and continuing to cut costs".

The largest proportion — more than 60 blocks — is to the west of Shetland, with the aim of encouraging companies to build on the impetus of the announcement this month about the Foinaven field.

The Government intends to "fast-track" the West of Shetland blocks so that licences can be awarded for that area before they are awarded to other areas, the intention being for exploration work to start next summer.

The blocks include relatively new basins such as Cardigan Bay, the East Irish Sea, in the English Channel and on the fringes of more established areas in the North Sea. These areas form part of what Mr Wardle sees as "the development of our oil and gas resources well into the next century".

Ministers accept that a number of the exploration blocks are in areas of particular environmental concern. The DTI said yesterday that special conditions, agreed with the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, would be attached to the award of licenses in order to safeguard the environment.

Companies applying for licences will be expected to have taken such conditions into account when making their applications.



Clive Shaw announced that Readicut managed a rise in turnover to £101 million

Caribbean airline to use BAe 146 jets

A NEW Caribbean regional airline backed by British Airways has chosen the BAe 146 regional jet from British Aerospace as the mainstay of its fleet. Carib Express will start operations from Barbados in mid-February using three 70-seat 146s leased from BAe's Asset Management Organisation. Further planes are expected to be needed to support a rapid roll-out of services across the Caribbean.

Carib Express, which will operate out of Barbados, will be 20 per cent owned by BA. The chief executive will be Roy Barnes, who was previously BA's area manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Miami. Two other BA executives, David Hyde and David Holmes, will sit on the Carib board. Ten per cent of the Carib shares will be divided between the governments of Barbados, Granada, Dominica, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, which have broken away from their six other partner states that own Liat, the loss-making regional carrier based in Antigua. Private investors will control 70 per cent of Carib's equity. A public share offer is planned.

Anglo Irish boost

A RIGHTS issue in January helped Anglo Irish Bankcorp to boost profits more than 50 per cent in the year to September 30. The issue doubled the capital base and contributed Ir£2.2 million towards pre-tax profits of Ir£14.5 million (Ir£9.25 million). Bad debt provisions were down marginally at Ir£9 million (Ir£9.2 million) but Ireland's third largest bank said it expected an even bigger drop next time. The bank is recommending a final dividend of 2p a share making a total dividend for the year of 3.36p. The bank's treasury division saw deposits grow by 23 per cent to IR£1.2 billion.

'Repo' market signal

THE Bank of England yesterday strongly suggested that action will be taken, perhaps in next week's Budget, to introduce a "repo" or repurchase-rate market in British government bonds. In a speech to bankers in London, Ian Plenderleith, the Bank's director for monetary operations, reviewed a sequence of reforms to the gilt market over the past decade and said: "It is our expectation, and firm intention, that this process of change will continue in the future, particularly as international participation in the market increases."

Property group disposal

HERRING Baker Harris Group, the struggling property adviser, has disposed of its Scottish subsidiary to its management as part of a restructuring to help it to restore its fortunes. The debt-laden group has asked for further bank support and started to make staff redundant. HBH has agreed to sell its James Barr business to its management for £750,000 and reached agreement to extend its bank facilities with National Westminster Bank. HBH will save about £750,000 a year from a redundancy programme, which will cost £150,000, and is expected to involve nine or so staff.

Lowndes Lambert rises

LOWNDES Lambert, the insurance broking group, increased pre-tax profits in the half year to September 30 by 15 per cent to £6 million, despite capacity constraints in the London insurance market. The firm managed to attract a strong flow of new business, which boosted turnover by 16 per cent to £43 million. Whitely Henshaw Hindle, which was acquired in June, contributed £800,000 in turnover and £200,000 in operating profit in its first three months within the group. The half-year dividend is being increased by 10 per cent to 2.75p, to be paid on January 3.

Molins buys Sandiacre

MOLINS, the tobacco and packaging machinery specialist, has agreed to acquire Sandiacre, a manufacturer of packaging machinery for food and consumer goods, for a maximum consideration of £28 million. On completion, Molins will pay £27 million in cash and shares, with a further £1 million payable if certain profit targets are met. To help to finance the acquisition, Molins will raise £12.15 million via a placing of shares at 498p each. Existing shares fell 3p to 515p yesterday. In the year to July 31, Sandiacre earned operating profits of £3.8 million on turnover of £9.7 million.

McLeod Russel up 23%



McLEOD RUSSEL, announcing its first annual results since the takeover of Wheway in March 1993, saw pre-tax profits rise 23 per cent to £6.36 million from £5.16 million in the 12 months to the end of September. Earnings advanced to 8.54p a share from 7.54p. There is a final dividend of 3.45p a share, to be paid on January 13, making 6.2p for the year (6.1p last time). Nigel Openshaw, left, chairman, said profitability had been restored to the Wheway businesses.

US production lifts NSM

PRE-TAX profits at NSM, the private coal operator, recovered to £2.7 million from £700,000 in the half-year to the end of September. Turnover from continuing operations rose to £62 million from £56.9 million. Higher revenues were generated from increased production in America, where sales increased by 96,000 tonnes and offset a decline of 53,000 tonnes in Britain. Interest charges were reduced by £500,000 to £3.4 million. Earnings per share doubled to 6.9p (3.5p). Although there is no interim dividend the company signalled its intention to pay a dividend at the year-end.

ScottishPower enters business telecoms

By Eric Reguly

SCOTTISHPOWER has entered the public telecoms field with the launch of ScottishTelecom, a wholly owned subsidiary that is spending £35 million to create a high-capacity fibre optic network aimed at business users.

The group, which has run a private telecoms network for years, hopes to grow ScottishTel rapidly by undercutting BT in Scotland. BT is constrained because it must charge the same base rate throughout the country.

Rod Matthews, ScottishTel chief executive, said calls within Scotland will be up to 50 per cent cheaper than BT's. But BT did not dispute the figure, saying tariff comparisons are often is meaningless. It added BT offers discounts of 15 per cent to 20 per cent to high-spending customers.

ScottishTel added it will be generally less competitive than BT on international calls, except those made to the US. It will not have to spend an enormous amount building its network. Its Telecom lines are being hung from electricty pylons and will travel down existing electrical ducts into buildings. It expects to begin operations in March, offering integrated voice and data services, leased point-to-point service and customized services such as system integration.



Matthews: cheaper calls

Firms face dearer gas after reform

COMMERCIAL and industrial gas users will face higher prices after the domestic gas market is deregulated in 1996, an energy-cost research firm said yesterday (Eric Reguly writes).

National Utility Services (NUS), an independent consultancy, predicted that many gas suppliers will abandon the business market for the domestic market under deregulation. British Gas currently has a monopoly of the domestic market.

The commercial-industrial side will be less competitive, and prices will rise, after the exodus. "They'll move to the domestic sector ... that's where the real profits will be," said Denis Brooks, of NUS.

Businesses with cheaper "interruptible" contracts, by which a supplier can divert gas elsewhere, may well not be affected. British Gas will fight to keep their custom to balance loss of domestic sales.

Labour shares jobs vision with CBI

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

HARRIET Harman, Labour's shadow employment secretary will today insist that a Labour government would back both business and employees in driving for a more competitive and successful economy.

In a key statement before the setting out tomorrow of Labour's budget proposals for welfare reform to get the unemployed back to work, the party will back many of the business proposals for tackling long-term unemployment put forward by the Confederation of British Industry.

In sharp contrast to a speech to the Institute of Directors last night from Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, Labour will insist that business has "nothing to fear" from the minimum employment standards sought by the European Commission.

A Labour government "will be on the side of successful British businesses and employees", with the government working in partnership with companies that are succeeding in the UK today.

In a speech to the Association of Local Authorities, Ms Harman will say that many forward-looking companies recognise that dialogue and consultation with their employees "are not burdens on business — they are the reasons for success". The Department of Employment would be a key part of Labour's "driving force for a more competitive and dynamic British economy".

Labour is expected to propose giving employers national insurance rebates for taking on the long-term unemployed, restructuring the benefit system to reduce the poverty trap and turning the Government's Employment Service into a re-employment service that would take quick action for the unemployed — all in line with the CBI's business proposals.

Readicut pegs dividend

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

READICUT International, the carpet manufacturer, has decided to maintain the interim dividend at 0.63p a share in spite of a decline in pre-tax profits to £5.4 million, compared with £6.7 million, in the half year to September 30.

Earnings were 1.83p a share, slipping from 2.36p. The shares dropped 4½p to 67p on the news.

The company, where Clive Shaw is managing director, was affected by production problems in the first half of the year. These problems were being overcome with production withdrawn from a sub-contractor and taken over by a wholly owned subsidiary.

Turnover from continuing operations rose to £101 million from £94.3 million. However, operating profits eased to £5.7 million from £6.67 million.

BAe launches attack on Weinstock record

BRITISH Aerospace has launched a strongly worded attack on Lord Weinstock, the managing director of the General Electric Company, and the record of his company in managing defence programmes (Ross Tieman writes).

In its formal offer document for Barrow-in-Furness shipbuilder VSEL, BAe dismisses as "absurd" Lord Weinstock's argument that there can be no real competition to supply the Ministry of Defence when there are only two bidders.

GEC is expected to top BAe's revised offer with a new bid. BAe matched GEC's cash terms at exactly £14 a share, but overbid its rival with the offer of a 3.3 for one share swop worth £560 million. BAe draws an unflattering comparison between GEC's Yarrow yard and Vosper Thornycroft, the independent Southampton shipbuilder.

A GEC spokesman said: "GEC does not want to get into knocking other British companies but is happy to have its record compared with that of other companies — particularly that of British Aerospace."

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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DIRECTOR

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☐ Cookson Matthey consigned to the bin ☐ Post and the Prescott option ☐ TeleWest's telecoms advantage

The never-never deal

☐ THE memories of merchant bankers, and their fat invoice ledgers, are littered with the deals that never were. The mergers and acquisitions that finally make their way on to Stock Exchange screens and into newspapers are merely the successful tip of an iceberg of failures and near misses.

Deals are, after all, what chief executives are there for; in a company of any size, the business is looked after by perfectly competent senior managers who keep the production lines rolling, create new products and market them and constantly search for ways to reduce costs and increase prices. The chairman and chief executive sit at the top of this heap, having successfully delegated all the daily grind, looking for something to do.

What better than to have lunch with Mr Cholmondely-Warner at Allied Widget to see if he will sell or merge his business, or at least flog off an unwanted subsidiary? That would give the company somewhere to park its unwanted cash and provide the fillip to earnings the shareholders expect to see.

The City plays its part in this game of never-never business, since idle investment bankers often dream up the next big deal for a potential client and then wheedle their way into his office to present their ideas. In most cases such schemes are consigned to the dustbin immediately, but the fees from the one that works more than compensate for all the wasted time.

The Cookson/Johnson Matthey merger is one of the deals that never were. Its only distinction is that the world has learnt about it because someone was too loose tongued. The deal always looked an unlikely one. Granted the two companies have some complementary materials businesses, but many of their operations have nothing at all in common. It is hard to escape the feeling that both sides were suffering from the "big is best" syndrome and merely wanted to play with a larger train set. If so, the City should be thankful the deal never happened.

Mergers of large companies are always tricky to pull off. Any self-respecting chief executive always has an over-inflated opinion of his company's value, complains that the City does not understand the business and that the share price is too low. When two sides try to arrange a share swap, both will hold out for better terms. The deal will normally only succeed if one side caves in, often because it knows there is something ugly in its balance sheet that a merger might cover up.

The deals that never were often make far more fascinating reading than the ones that happened. In a parallel universe Saatchi & Saatchi would have bought Midland Bank, and Thorn EMI would have merged its music business with Paramount.

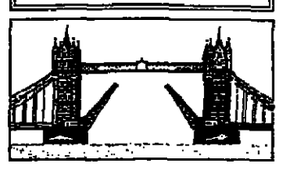
But reality is more prosaic, and the future for Johnson Matthey and Cookson as they hunt down small acquisitions and set up useful joint ventures is likely to be so too.

Playing games with the PSBR

☐ HOW about this for a subtle plot? By an untrumpeted statistical adjustment, the Treasury appears to have pre-empted debate on the financial future of the Post Office.

The story started when Royal Mail privatisation was kiboshed by Tory backbenchers. The search started for an alternative.

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Favourite was the so-called "Prescott option", canvassed but rejected by Michael Heseltine, that would allow the Post Office to have commercial and financial freedom within the public sector.

The Treasury reasonably objected that this was impossible because cash movements count as part of public finances, which must remain under government control, and direct loans from the private sector would carry a government guarantee. That would be equivalent to government borrowing, so they must count in the public sector borrowing requirement.

This was not, however, strictly true. Proponents of financial freedom could point to a clear and trouble-free precedent. British Nuclear Fuels plc, set up as a state-owned company in 1971, has never figured in the PSBR. Its exclusion has enabaled it to spend more than £600 million a year regularly to build its Thorp reprocessing plant.

Most of that came from customer prepayments but BNFL also raised loans, guaranteed by the state under the Nuclear Industry Finance Act 1976.

A striking anomaly? Not any more. In September, the Central Statistical Office quietly reclassified BNFL as part of the public sector, though ministers are now reassuring MPs that this will not mean any more interference in the company's operations. A plot to close off the Prescott option? Nothing could be further from the truth, says the Treasury. Merely an adjustment made by statisticians off their own bat to meet international definitions of the public sector.

There is a third explanation. After Thorp's completion, BNFL has started becoming a cash generator — a net £300 million in 1993-94 which should rise as Thorp operations build up. Quite simply, reclassifying BNFL is a nifty piece of creative accounting that cuts the PSBR at a stroke. Remember that on Budget day.

Tying up BT with cable

☐ TELEWEST hardly needed a helping hand to go to a healthy premium on the first day of conditional dealing, but the Government still obliged by shutting BT out of the TV broadcast-by-cable market.

Cable companies now have a clear window through to the next century to continue pinching telephone customers from BT while their main rival is kept firmly off their home turf. In the circumstances, BT's decision to take its fibre-optic bat and ball away looks understandable.

Investors should brace themselves for a rush of further cable issues and should be prepared to exercise caution and careful selection, as it is unlikely that all the future debutantes will be so well capitalised.

TeleWest still has two substantial backers in US WEST and TCI, even if their motives for floating the company have yet to be fully explained.

Next on the slipway is probably General Cable, another copper-bottomed venture if such a thing exists in the cable industry. It has a strong parent in Compagnie Générale des Eaux, which has been sitting on the sidelines, awaiting a favourable outcome from TeleWest.

The latter will itself be jostling for inclusion in the lower rungs of the FT-SE stocks. Contrary to expectations some months ago, London will indeed eventually end up with a whole new sector of cable stocks, even if the calculations that support their respective valuations will remain a little hairy. Now if they would only all stop digging up the roads . . .

Island life

☐ LIKE Robinson Crusoe, Asil Nadir has found that his island paradise has its drawbacks. The authorities in northern Cyprus are growing less welcoming by the day. It cannot be long before he does another midnight flit. If he needs another haven, he could always try Britain. There may be the matter of criminal charges. But the Cypriot authorities are proving a more intractable foe than the SFO ever was.

Vodafone has more crime on the line

By Eric Reguly

VODAFONE Group, the biggest of Britain's four mobile telephone operators, yesterday revealed that it was being defrauded at twice the rate of last year.

The company, led by chief executive Gerry Whent, said that "bad debt" had doubled to about 2 per cent of revenues. Based on turnover of £850.5 million in the financial year ended March 31, the fraud will cost the company about £17 million this year. "It's been an attack by professional criminals," Mr Whent said.

The theft, Vodafone explained, is by a combination of "subscription fraud" and the "reshipping" of stolen handsets, which disguises the phone's real user.

Fraud is not yet a big enough problem seriously to damage Vodafone, said Laurence Heyworth, an analyst with Robert Fleming Securities, in London. He is more concerned about growing competition and declining yields in the industry; the mobile companies, Vodafone included, are going after lower-margin domestic customers in their effort to keep building their customer base.

Vodafone reported a pre-tax profit of £186.4 million in the six months to September 30, up 7 per cent from the same period last year. Turnover climbed 44 per cent to £560.7 million.

Profits grew much more slowly than turnover largely because of costly overseas expansion. Losses on foreign start-ups were £40 million in the period compared with £19 million before, and were especially high in Australia and South Africa.

Vodafone will pay an interim dividend of 1.64p per share, up from 1.37p, on February 10. The shares fell 2p to 206½p.

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Whent: more bad debts

Sharper Pilkington aims for bigger cut of Chinese market

By Neil Bennett
Deputy Business Editor

PILKINGTON, the glass manufacturer, is planning further investments in China as part of its drive into developing markets. The announcement was accompanied by news of a further strong profits recovery, led by the group's American subsidiary.

Roger Leverton, chief executive, said the group wanted to take a controlling interest of a new float glass plant in central China to service rapidly growing construction and automotive industries. Pilkington has undertaken several ventures in China but until now has only been able to take minority stakes. This year, the group has invested in two Chinese automotive glass plants, where it took stakes of between 35 and 45 per cent.

Pilkington yesterday announced a 157 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £77 million in the half year to September 30. The profit included a one-off gain of £16 million on the disposal of the group's insulation business, but underlying profits still more than doubled to £61 million. The dividend is being held at 1.5p, but this has been twice covered by earnings of 3p (0.4p).

All the improvement came from cost reductions and volume gains. Group turnover rose 3 per cent to £1.29 billion, thanks to a 7 per cent rise in volumes held back by an average 2 per cent fall in prices and a 2 per cent adverse move in exchange rates. The results included a first-time contribution from SIV, the Italian glassmaker in which Pilkington acquired a 50 per cent stake at the end of last year. SIV contributed a pre-tax profit of £3 million, on sales of £145 million.



Sir Antony Pilkington, left, and Roger Leverton, at Waterloo International, which contains 14,000 sq m of glass

There was also a strong contribution from Cebrace, Pilkington's joint venture in Brazil, where a third float glass line is being built to cope with demand. Pilkington has also acquired a controlling stake in Vidrios Lirquen, Chile's only flat-glass maker, and plans to convert the factory for its higher quality float-glass technique. Pilkington's most profitable division remained the rest of the world, where profits rose from £25 million to £33 million. In America, profits at Libbey Owens Ford rose 73 per cent to £26 million.

Mr Leverton said that Germany remained the most difficult market; Flachglas, the group's largest subsidiary, was unable to pass on price increases to double-glazing makers. "Until we get price increases. . .we are not going to see much improvement," Mr Leverton said.

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City delivers sting in the tale of Thorn EMI

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

STRONG performances from Thorn EMI's three core businesses and interim figures in line with City expectations failed to halt a sharp deterioration in the share price of the music and rentals group.

The shares ended 25p lower at 972p in a weak stock market. Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, said that he failed to understand the market's response to a set of figures that were "very positive in every direction".

The group pushed pre-tax profits ahead, from £99.0 million to £125.8 million, in the six months to end-September after one-off costs from disposals that were £3.1 million higher than last time. The interim dividend was raised 8.3 per cent, from 9.0p to 9.75p, paid out of adjusted earnings of 21p, after 16.4p.

Operating profits from Thorn's music division rose 13 per cent to £101 million on sales up by a similar amount to £877 million. Among successes were the Rolling Stones, with sales of the *Voodoo Lounge* album reaching 3.4 million, and Pink Floyd's *The Division Bell*, which EMI distributes in all territories outside the US and for which sales have already exceeded 3 million.

Canto Gregoriano, the surprise hit sung by Spanish monks, has sold more than 5 million copies. In the second half, Thorn will release a collection of 30 songs recorded but never released by the Beatles and a further album from Frank Sinatra.

Operating profits at the electronic rentals and retail division grew 10 per cent to £57.9 million, on sales up 6.5 per cent to £761 million. Sir Colin said that the rental base in the UK by the end of the first half was higher than it had been last time.

HMV, the music retail operation, trimmed its seasonal first-half losses from £6.5 million to £2.8 million in spite of start-up costs for the first store in Hong Kong, which opened in October. Sales were 16 per cent higher, at £192 million.

In spite of a £50 million rise in capital spending, to £308 million, and £62 million spent on acquisitions, debt was £24 million lower, at £508 million. Sir Colin said a 15 per cent underlying profit rise at the core units indicated a healthy growth outlook.

Thorn has indicated an interest in book publishing, but Sir Colin said that the priority for the second half would be the core businesses. "We're still very interested, but we haven't actually seen anything that matches our requirements," he said. Thorn is looking for a publisher that focuses on consumers, education or entertainment, and with its own distribution.

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Japanese abandon County Hall plans

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

SHIRAYAMA Shokusan, the Japanese property development group, is to abandon plans to convert London's former County Hall into a £500 million hotel and leisure complex. Instead, the landmark building is to be redeveloped as a "Pacific Asia Centre".

The announcement by the company in Osaka appeared to come as a surprise to Richard Branson's Virgin Group, Shirayama's partner in the project. In a statement on Tuesday Virgin said: "We have a legally binding contract and expect Shirayama to honour it."

Virgin was unable to explain why its Japanese partner had changed its mind. But there has been some speculation in the property market that the Wang brothers of Hong Kong, owners of the site of the old Battersea power station, were interested in County Hall too.

The surprise announcement follows discussions between Virgin and Shirayama over the past two weeks, at which Virgin underlined its commitment to the County Hall scheme for which it has planning permission.

Keizo Honda, managing director of Shirayama Europe, said his company had reviewed the situation surrounding the County Hall project. The company had concluded that the hotel plan was "not ideal" and that there were many other sites near the Waterloo International rail terminal in which to build an hotel.

Cash will fund development and acquisitions

Laird in £67.8m call

By Philip Pangalos

LAIRD Group, the manufacturer of car components and industrial products, is calling on investors for £67.8 million of fresh funds to help to fund development through capital investment and selective acquisitions.

The group is making a one-for-five rights issue, at 295p a share, fully underwritten by SG Warburg. Cazenove is broker to the issue.

Ian Arnott, chief executive, said: "The proceeds of the rights issue will be directed at enhancing the group's market position in its non-automotive activities and increasing its industrial strength in the automotive sector."

With net borrowings at the end of October at £54 million, the rights proceeds will effectively eliminate gearing. Non-automotive businesses account for 40 per cent of annual sales, and Laird wants a 50/50 split to "help to balance the group against the auto side, which has its cycles".

Past development of Laird's non-automotive activities recently helped it to weather the most severe annual decline in European auto production since the second world war.

Mr Arnott said a second plant in the United States to supply services and components to the computer industry was already under consideration. "In the automotive sector, we will continue to extend our activities outside Germany and we are currently planning an extension to our car body seals plant in Spain," he added. The company has reached initial agreement for a joint venture to make car body seals in China.

The rights issue was accompanied by a forecast of a 20 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to at least £46 million in the year to December 31, compared with £38.2 million in 1993. The group continues to benefit from economic recovery in Britain and America, while the second quarter pick-up in the automotive sector has continued in the second half, including the French and German markets.

The board also intends to raise the final dividend to 6.9p (6.5p), taking the total payout for this year to 11.3p (10.7p). The shares eased 6p to 350p.

Lion King offsets Disney park loss

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

THE spectacular success of *The Lion King*, the cartoon film, took Walt Disney to record profits for its fourth-quarter and fiscal year, offsetting further losses at the Euro Disney theme park in France.

Revenue for the year to September 30 was $10.1 billion, with operating income of almost $2 billion.

The company said that high earnings in its filmed entertainment and consumer products divisions more than made up for lower than expected attendance at its theme parks, and a $110.4 million year's loss at Euro Disney.

In the quarter, Disney said, revenue rose 18 per cent, to $2.70 billion, and operating income 23 per cent, to $438.6 million. For the year, revenue rose 18 per cent, to $10.1 billion, and operating income 14 per cent, to $1.97 billion.

The Lion King and *Aladdin*, two animated films that have proved immensely popular in America and Europe, gave the filmed entertainment unit a 43 per cent rise in revenue, to $1.26 billion for the quarter, with operating income up by 98 per cent, to $188.5 million. For the year, Disney said, filmed entertainment revenues rose by 30 per cent, to $4.79 billion, and operating income grew by 38 per cent, to $856.1 million.

Revenue from theme parks and resorts was flat, at $950 million for the quarter and $3.46 billion for the year, with operating income down by 18 per cent, to $155.3 million, for the quarter, and by 8 per cent, to $684.1 million, for the year.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investors ready for the knockout blow by GEC

STOCK market speculators went on battle alert, bracing themselves for a knockout blow by **GEC** for Trident submarine builder **VSEL** any day now.

Whispers circulating in the Square Mile last night claimed GEC may be generous enough to offer up to £16 a share for VSEL in cash. This would top both its previous cash offer of £14 matched last Friday by rival **British Aerospace** and the latter's all-share offer valuing the company at £561 million.

British Aerospace slid 9p to 433p yesterday with the shares due to go ex-rights this morning after asking shareholders to dig into their pockets in order to finance the increased terms for VSEL, down 15p at £15.03. GEC also traded lower ending the day off 5p at 281p.

The rest of the equity market went into a nosedive, closing near the low of the day after an opening fall on Wall Street. Investors are proving reluctant to open fresh positions before next week's Budget, leaving prices to drift lower. In addition worries over rate rises persist.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 42.3 down at 3,078.7 in thin trading that saw only 579 million shares change hands.

First time dealings on a "when issued" basis in **TeleWest Communications**, the US cable television group, more than lived up to expectations and went some way to bolstering turnover levels generally. Priced near the top end of the range at 182p, the shares opened at 193p where they encountered US selling which was almost matched by domestic institutional support. The shares finished 3½p better at 185½p as almost 58 million were traded.

But not everyone was enamoured by TeleWest. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, was telling clients **BT** was a much better bet, offering a cheaper way into the sector. Unfortunately, not everyone got the message, and BT slid 9p to 379p.

There were only six companies among the top 100 to finish higher on the day. One was **Bowater**, 7p better at 470p, after a presentation arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker, for fund managers. Another was **Wellcome**, 6p firmer at 681p, helped by a buy recommendation from Robert Fleming, the broker. The company also took a party of



Golden opportunity lost: Johnson Matthey merger is over

Japanese institutions to look round its Beckenham research laboratories in Kent. The other four blue chips to end higher on the day were **Kingfisher**, up 4p at 473p, **Land Securities**, 3p better at 601p, **Rentokil Group**, 1p harder at 238p and **Schroders**, 13p stronger at £14.28.

Cookson, the industrial materials group, slipped 2p to 247p, after announcing its merger talks with **Johnson Matthey**, the precious metals specialist, had broken down just a week after they had started. A joint statement said they had failed to agree on the ways in which a merger would benefit both sides. Had the merger been completed it would have created a company with a stock market value of £2.5 billion. Johnson Matthey finished 9p lower at 565p.

Laird Group slipped 6p to 350p after asking shareholders for an extra £68 million via a rights issue on the basis of one-for-five at 295p. The company has forecast a rise in 1994 pre-tax profits to £46 million.

Half-year figures from **Vodafone**, the cellular telephone operator, were depressed by overseas start-up costs of £40 million and bonuses for new subscribers. But it was still judged a creditable performance with pre-tax profits 7 per cent higher at £186.4 million and sales 44 per cent ahead at £560.7 million.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest flat glass producer, eased 1p to 183p inspite of a more than doubling half-year pre-tax profits to £77 million, way above forecasts. The decision to merely peg the dividend at 1.5p clearly caused disappointment. But the final figure was struck after taking account of a surplus from the sale of Pilkington Insulation which cut the true figure to £61 million.

Thorn EMI fell 23p to 974p after turning in half-year figures at the bottom end of the range. Pre-tax profits were up £26.8 million at £125.8 million after another strong performance by the music division. Profits from the rental business were also higher. The figure was struck after £13.1 million restructuring costs.

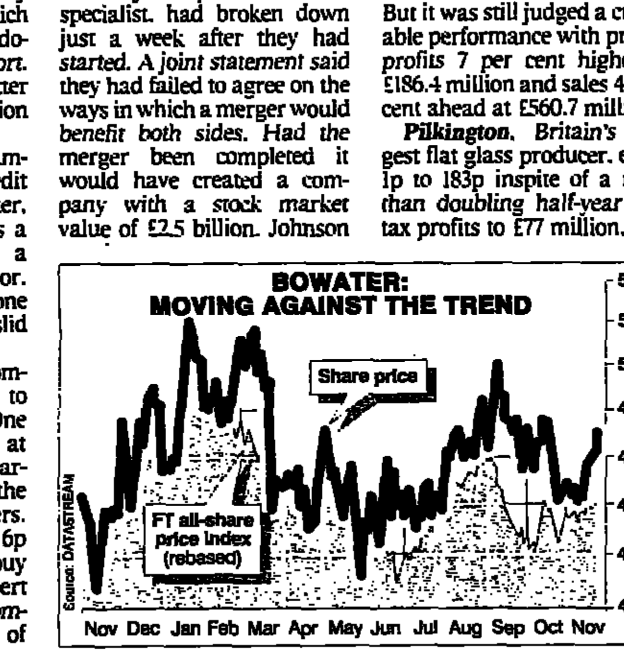
Northern Foods fell 8p to 204p after reporting a first-half decline in pre-tax profits from £72.1 million to £53.7 million. The group plans to announce restructuring proposals in the new year to halt the slide and expected the provisions to be contained in full-year figures. The group also said trading conditions remained difficult and the introduction of the Milk Marque could affect its performance.

Moran Holdings, the tea plantations and freight forwarder, jumped 8p to 62p after celebrating a return to the black last year with pre-tax profits of £1.38 million compared with a previous loss of £274,000. The company is unable to pay a dividend because of a deficit on the group's profit and loss account. Steps are now being taken to rectify the position.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts were squeezed higher in thin trading enabling the Bank of England to exhaust the taplet Treasury 7 per cent 2001 as well as supplying the other taplets issued on Monday. Dealers said investors remained reluctant to open fresh positions before the Budget. But the absence of sellers enabled prices to close better for choice. The December series of the Long Gilt recovered from a hesistant start to finish five ticks better at £102 9/16 with 27,000 contracts completed. In longs, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 hardened £¼ to £104¾ while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was a couple of ticks firmer at £103 29/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares extended Monday's losses into yesterday and continued to trade lower at midday despite some half-hearted bargain hunting. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.47 at 3,755.04.

BARIS Holdings stood out with a rise of 5p to 33p cheered by the news that financier Bob Morton has joined the board as non-executive chairman and ex-Triplex Lloyd managing director John Foley is taking over as chief executive. Between them, they expect to turn it into a big services company.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3755.04 (-14.47)
S&P Composite .... 456.80 (-1.43)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 18962.99 (-158.73)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9948.43 (-354.81)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 406.44 (-4.75)

Sydney:
AO .... 1877.7 (-31.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2074.77 (-30.51)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2270.05 (-51.94)

Brussels:
General .... 7175.70 (-32.29)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1911.41 (-16.42)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 651.70 (-9.70)

London:
FT 30 .... 2369.1 (-30.7)
FT 100 .... 3078.7 (-42.3)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3545.3 (-24.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1331.93 (-19.24)
FT A All-Share .... 1532.32 (-17.09)
FT Non Financials .... 1655.10 (-17.46)
FT Gold Mines .... 247.5 (-3.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.33 (+0.18)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.86 (+0.12)
Bargains 20328
SEAQ Volume 579.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.22 (-0.76)
US$ .... 1.5705 (+0.0025)
German Mark .... 2.4401 (-0.0049)
Exchange Index .... 79.8 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2727
£:SDR 1.0723
RPI .... 145.2 Oct (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	5½	-½
Abtrust Latin Am	86	-1
Abtrust Latin Wts	50	-2
Adare Prntg	190	...
BZW Commodities (100)	87	-1
BZW Commodities Wts	39	...
Calluna	92	-4
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	66	...
Fidelity Spec V Uts	491	...
Filtronic Comtek	156	-17
Finsby Sml Cos C (100)	100	-1
For & Col Emrg C (100)	99½	-1½
Group Dv Cap Wts	23	...
Hambros Sml Asian	55	-1
Hambros Smlr As Wts	25	-2
H Gov 1000 Inv (100)	101	...
INVESCO Korea C	98	-1
Irish Permanent (180)	220	...
JJB Sports (215)	232	+1
Prolific Inc A/L	482	-2
SeaPerfect (120)	131	+6
Servisair (135)	155	-1
TLG (115)	126	...
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	165	-2
Whitchurch	60	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Apollo Metals n/p (77)	2	...
Kenwood App n/p (310)	24	-1
Martin Int n/p (27)	3	...
OMI n/p (37)	4½	...
Pressac n/p (85)	7	-3
Seton Health n/p (285)	53	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Cosalt .... 154p (+19p)
Takeda Chem .... 785½p (+14p)

FALLS:
Nat West .... 509p (-14p)
RMC Group .... 986p (-17p)
Granada .... 516p (-10p)
Thorn EMI .... 973p (-24p)
Linton Park .... 370p (-11p)
Applied Holo .... 83p (-15p)
ICI .... 761p (-22p)

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Through the looking glass

WITH a covered dividend and operating margins of almost 6 per cent, Pilkington is beginning to resemble a real company rather than a rest home for distressed glass workers. As the American economy revives, capacity constraints are working in the group's favour and enabling it to push through weighty price increases given the current non-inflationary environment.

But Pilkington's recovery has as much to do with self help as a ride on the economic cycle. Price pressure, particularly in Germany, still depressed operating profits by 24 per cent, which had to be offset by cost reductions to allow the benefits of a 7 per cent growth in volumes to fall through to the bottom line.

Flachglas in Germany, Pilkington's largest subsidiary, remains a problem area since it is exposed to cheap imports from Eastern Europe and cannot pass price increases through to double glazing manufacturers. The group's hope must be that an increase in demand for value added product will finally turn the market as it has done in the US.

In the meantime Pilkington continues to make hay in less competitive markets, such as Brazil and China, while its acquisition of SIV in Italy last year is proving to be a steal.

The group's next goal must be to turn its cash position around. There was still an operating outflow of £24 million in the first half, an £11 million improvement but hardly comfortable when gearing is still 66 per cent. Given a fair wind cash flow may turn positive in the second half, which will be another important step towards justifying the share price which sits on a lofty current year earnings multiple in the high twenties.

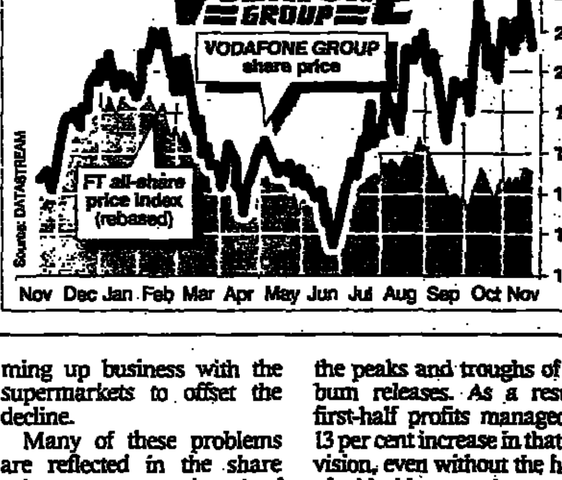
Vodafone

EXECUTIVES at Vodafone were cheery about the company's outlook yesterday even though they had to reveal that mobile telephone fraud is running rampant. The reason behind their smiles is their belief that the heavy losses in overseas start-up operations will soon start to decline, leading to growth in earnings and shareholder value.

Vodafone, the biggest of the four mobile operators in the British market, lost £40 million from start-ups in the six months to September 30, cutting the group's pre-tax growth to 7 per cent. John Peett, a Vodafone director, explained that overseas losses have been "tremendously high" simply because the there have been so many start-ups. Mobile licences around the world are becoming scarce and the company is trying to grab as many as possible while stocks last. Vodafone's latest target is Spain, where it and fellow consortium members are bidding a lofty $690 million for a licence.

City analysts agree that earnings will rise as overseas losses decline, but they are still wary of the stock. The shares, which closed yesterday at 206½p, down 2p, still look expensive in light of the industry's growing competition and falling yields.

Indeed, yields are on the wane as operators, Vodafone included, chase low-margin domestic customers in their race to build their subscriber bases. Fans of telecom issues should look elsewhere.



Northern Foods

LAST year was difficult for Northern Foods, but this one looks like being even worse. Not only does the company face the usual pricing pressures among food manufacturers from retailers, but it is also forced to contend with the financial fall-out from the arrival of Milk Marque.

The new milk regime will hit profits by £15 million in a full year. That is hard to absorb when the business is already suffering from intense competition. Group operating margins fell to 7.5 per cent, from 8.3 per cent in the first half, even before the new contracts under Milk Marque came into effect.

The doorstep milk delivery business continues to decline as consumers switch to supermarkets. The group is also suffering from high exposure to small retailers through its van sales operations. Although these are being streamlined, Northern will have to work hard drumming up business with the supermarkets to offset the decline.

Many of these problems are reflected in the share price, on a prospective p/e of about 12 times. With no let-up in the trading environment in sight and continuing difficulty in passing on raw milk price increases to customers, the share performance will remain dull.

Thorn EMI

THE record industry is meant to be a young person's game, but four of Thorn EMI's biggest acts this autumn have a combined age of approaching two-thirds of a millenium — and that is excluding all those singing monks.

Such is the longevity of the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, dear old Frank Sinatra and a batch of newly-discovered Beatles tapes, which illustrates Thorn's policy of building up a music business with the critical mass to survive the peaks and troughs of album releases. As a result, first-half profits managed a 13 per cent increase in that division, even without the help of a blockbuster release.

The main disappointment was the rebranded Rumbelows chain, which Thorn confesses is failing to match expectations. On the corporate front, the divestment programme should be complete by the financial year-end, leaving the group focused on its core divisions of music, music retail and rentals.

The shares have inevitably suffered since Sir Colin Southgate quashed demerger suggestions this summer. An eventual hive-off of the music side still looks inevitable, if in years rather than months. Thorn's shares, on 16 times this year's earnings after yesterday's fall, may not take this into account and also have the support of a 4.7 per cent yield.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	978-976	Mar	1048-1047
Mar	993-992	May	1058-1057
May	996-995	Jul	1069-1068
Jul	1004-1003	Sep	1080-1079
Sep	1014-1013		
Dec	1030-1029		Volume: 5973

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3095-3090	Jul	3080-3070
Jan	3140-3130	Sep	3055-3050
Mar	3119-3115	Nov	3030-3020
May	3092-3088		Volume: 4450

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	361.5-59.5
Spot: unq		Dec	360.5-56.5
Mar	405.0-03.5	Mar	360.5-56.0
May	390.0-97.5	May	360.5-54.0
Aug	389.9-88.0		Volume: 3074

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	77.84	108.36	116.96
(+/-)	+0.72	+6.11	+0.17
Eng/Wales:	77.99	108.22	116.52
(+/-)	+0.77	+6.00	+0.18
(%)	-8.0	+1.0	-7.0
Scotland:	73.85	108.82	121.16
(+/-)	-0.63	+6.44	-0.58
(%)	-8.0	+26.0	+5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.95	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.75	(n/c)
W Texas (Intermediate (Jan)	17.65	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.65	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 176 (n/c)	O: 178 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	149 (+1)	152 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	149 (-1)	152 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	152 (+2)	155 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	106 (n/c)	107 (n/c)
Naphtha	180 (+2)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	149.25-49.50	Mar	153.75-54.00
Jan	151.50-51.75	Apr	152.50-53.00
Feb	153.50-53.75		Vol: 17607

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.95-16.97	Apr	16.50 BID
Feb	16.75-16.78	May	16.40-16.48
Mar	16.59-16.62		Vol: 36206

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.25	Nov	101.20
Jan	106.50	Jan	103.00
Mar	108.45	Mar	105.50
May	110.45	May	107.40
Jul	112.20	Sep	94.00
Volume: 434		Volume: 26	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	272.0	272.5
May	unq	286.0
		Volume: 172

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 81.50-82.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1894	1885	1892
Dec 94	1899	1890	1898
Jan 95	1814	1790	1811
Apr 95	1710	1700	1710
Vol 132 lots		Open interest: 2858	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2856.0-2857.0	2823.0-2824.0	1330650
Lead ($/tonne)	673.00-674.00	690.00-690.50	144025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1170.0-1170.5	1196.0-1197.0	362750
Tin ($/tonne)	6245.0-6250.0	6335.0-6340.0	22720
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2000.5-2001.5	1999.0-1999.5	1399375
Nickel ($/tonne)	7680.0-7690.0	7810.0-7815.0	100680

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	550	32	43	51½	10	16	27
(*575)	600	8	18½	26½	37½	42½	54
Argyll	260	12½	21	26	9½	15½	21
(*264½)	280	5	12	17	22	27	33
ASDA	60	7½	9	10½	1½	3	4
(*65½)	70	1½	4½	5	6½	8½	9
Boots	500	27	40	48½	10	15½	23
(*513)	550	6½	17	24½	39½	43	50
Br Airways	360	25	37	44½	9	15	22½
(*378½)	390	10½	22½	29½	24	30	38
BP	390	32	40	47	4½	10½	15
(*414)	420	13	22½	30½	15	23½	28
Br Steel	140	16	20½	24	2	4½	6½
(*153)	160	4½	10	13	10½	13½	16
C & W	360	33	44	50½	6	14	17½
(*386½)	390	15½	27½	34½	18	27½	31½
CU	493	42½	49½	—	5½	17	—
(*526)	543	13½	22	—	27	44	—
ICI	750	35½	47½	59½	16	36	44½
(*761)	800	13½	24½	37½	45½	66	73½
Kingfishr	460	29	40½	47½	10½	18	29
(*472½)	500	10	22	28½	32	40	51
Land Sec	600	15	29	35½	17½	23	36
(*601)	650	2½	11½	15½	57½	58½	69½
M & S	390	29	41½	47	4	7½	14
(*412)	420	10½	23½	29	16	19	26½
Nat West	500	26	37½	48½	12½	30	35½
(*509)	550	6½	16½	27½	43½	61	65½
Sainsbury	390	30	43	48½	6	12½	18½
(*411½)	420	12½	25½	31½	18	26	32½
Shell	700	22½	32½	41½	16	30½	34½
(*701½)	750	5	12½	21	49½	63½	66
Sutid Bch.	420	19½	30½	38½	14	23	28½
(*423)	460	5½	14	22	40	46½	51½
Storehse	220	8½	14	18	9½	12	16½
(*220)	240	2	6½	10	23½	25	29
Trafalgar	80	5½	9	10½	4	6	7½
(*81½)	90	2	4	6½	10½	12	13½
Unilever	1100	35	54	67	24	45	55½
(*1100)	1150	14½	31½	45	55½	75½	89
Zeneca	850	33½	48½	61	22½	43	50½
(*853½)	900	15	26½	39½	53	73½	80
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grand Met.	390	14	24½	33	1	14	19
(*403)	420	0½	10	19½	17½	22	36
Ladbroke	160	2	11	16½	1½	8	13½
(*161½)	180	0	4½	8½	18½	20½	26
Utd Bisc	300	21	29½	36	0	4	12
(*321)	330	0½	12	19½	9	16½	27½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	18	30½	37½	11½	17½	23½
(*502½)	525	7½	18½	—	26	31	—
Thames W	460	37½	49½	57½	5½	11½	20
(*488)	500	14½	26½	35½	21	28	40
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	33	45	51½	0	6½	16½
(*453)	460	1	21½	28½	7	22	36
BTR	280	15½	25½	29½	0½	6	12½
(*295½)	300	1	14	19	7½	14	22½
Br Aero	420	14½	37	47½	1	17½	29½
(*434)	460	0	18½	30½	26	39	52
Br Telcm	360	19	24½	31½	0½	8	12½
(*379)	390	0½	8½	17	13	23½	28
Cadbury	420	22	33	39	0½	6½	15½
(*441½)	460	0½	12	19	19	25	37
Guinness	420	38½	46½	53½	0	3	9½
(*458½)	460	1	19	27½	3	14½	25
GEC	280	2½	12	18½	1½	11	13½
(*281)	300	0	5½	10	19	24½	26
Hanson	220	11½	15½	19	0	5½	9½
(*231½)	240	0½	6	10	8½	16	20
LASMO	134	14	—	—	0	—	—
(*148)	154	0½	—	—	6½	—	—
Lucas	200	4	14½	19	1	8½	13
(*203½)	220	0	6	10½	16½	20	24½
Pilkingtn	180	3	10	15	1	7	9
(*182½)	200	0	3	6½	17½	20½	21½
Prudential	300	17	28	31	0½	6	13
(*317)	330	0½	12	15	14	20	29½
Redland	460	14	32½	41½	0½	13	28
(*473½)	500	0	14	22½	26½	34½	52
Royal Ins	280	10½	24½	30	0½	11	17
(*290)	300	0½	14½	20½	10½	21	27½
Tesco	240	5	15	22	0½	7	14½
(*244½)	260	0	6	12½	15½	19	26
Vodafone	200	5	14½	20	1½	9	12½
(*204½)	217	0	7½	—	12½	18½	—
Williams	325	29½	—	—	0	—	—
(*353½)	354	2	—	—	3	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3079½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Dec	150	112	77	50	31	17
Jan	186	149	118	87½	65	45
Feb	201½	166½	136½	107½	94½	64
Mar	207	176½	148½	121	100	79
Jun	—	222	—	164½	—	122
Puts						
Dec	19	32	47	71½	102	140½
Jan	47	60	80	102½	130½	161½
Feb	55	69	89½	111	139½	170
Mar	65½	85	106½	129½	158½	188
Jun	—	111½	—	155	—	211

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	27	37	41	4	13½	19½
(*412)	420	7½	19½	25½	14½	29	35
Amstrad	30	3	4	5	1	2½	3½
(*31½)	35	1	2	3	4	5½	6½
Barclays	550	40	54½	62	3½	16	23
(*583½)	600	10½	26½	36½	22½	40½	49
Blue Circ	300	12	23	28½	7½	14½	21½
(*303½)	330	2	10	15½	27½	32	39½
Br Gas	280	20	28	34	1½	6	12
(*297½)	300	6½	16	22½	8	13	21½
Dixons	180	13	18	24	3½	8	15½
(*188½)	200	3½	9	14½	14	19	24
Forte	220	14½	22	25½	2½	6½	12
(*231½)	240	3½	11	15	12	16	22
Hillsdwn	160	14	18	21½	1	4	8
(*172)	180	3	7	11	9½	13	19
Lonrho	140	18½	21½	26	1	4½	7½
(*157)	160	5	10	15½	8	12½	16½
Sears	100	7½	10½	12½	1	3½	5½
(*105½)	110	2	5½	7	5½	8½	11
Thm Eml	950	36	51	76	13½	24	35
(*972)	1000	9	27	40½	42	51	60½
Tomkins	220	10½	17	23	4	9½	13
(*226)	240	2	8½	14	15½	21	24
TSB	200	21½	25	27½	1	5½	8½
(*219½)	220	7	12½	16	6½	14½	17½
Wellcome	650	43	65½	80	9½	25	38½
(*680½)	700	14	38½	54½	32½	49	63
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	40½	54	69	14½	21	36½
(*620½)	650	16	30	45½	40½	58	65
HSBC	700	40½	63½	74	18	39½	48½
(*723½)	750	21	39	51	43	67	76
Reuter	460	32½	43	52½	8½	18½	22½
(*480)	500	12½	23	32½	28	39	44
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	3	12½	16½	1	9	13
(*182)	200	0	4½	8½	19	20½	24½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	120	9½	15½	19	4½	8½	10½
(*124½)	130	5	11	14½	9½	14	15½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	800	8½	43½	61½	4	42	54½
(*805)	850	0	23½	41	45	71	82½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	500	12½	30½	42½	13½	24	33½
(*504)	550	1	12	22	51½	56	63½
Scot Pwr	360	13½	23	34	11	22½	28
(*360½)	390	2½	11½	22	31½	41	46

November 22, 1994 Tot: 34943 Call: 14458 Put: 20485 FT-SE Call: 4125 Put: 6371
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3102.0	3106.0	3077.0	3079.0	13296
Previous open interest: 59972	Mar 95	3111.0	3119.0	3093.5	3094.0	1060
FT-SE250	Dec 94	3550.0	3550.0	3549.0	3550.0	2329
Previous open interest: 4165	Mar 95	3588.0	3588.0	3588.0	3588.0	2329
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.72	93.75	93.70	93.74	9231
Previous open interest: 517641	Mar 95	92.96	92.98	92.93	92.98	15129
	Jun 95	92.34	92.39	92.32	92.39	4363
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.91	0
Previous open interest: 4653	Mar 95				93.33	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.83	94.84	94.82	94.83	12565
Previous open interest: 720280	Mar 95	94.65	94.69	94.64	94.68	22668
Long Gilt	Dec 94	102-14	102-20	102-10	102-18	27452
Previous open interest: 119117	Mar 95	101-23	101-27	101-21	101-27	3832
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.33	108.50	108.33	108.51	318
	Mar 95	107.67	107.84	107.65	107.83	2579
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.07	90.53	90.03	90.45	119830
Previous open interest: 207744	Mar 95	89.19	89.73	89.18	89.64	14464
Three month ECU	Dec 94	94.08	94.10	94.08	94.09	676
Previous open interest: 22929	Mar 95	93.71	93.74	93.70	93.73	806
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	96.00	96.00	95.98	96.00	1411
Previous open interest: 48319	Mar 95	95.70	95.71	95.68	95.70	2370
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	100.41	100.72	99.75	100.04	55299
Previous open interest: 65528	Mar 95	99.60	99.70	98.76	98.91	4985

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell. 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7
Overnight: open 5⅛, close 5.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	6	6½	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6½-6⅜	7⅛-7
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.89	6.25	6.90
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6½-6⅜	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1994 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1994 to Dec 25, 1994 Scheme III: 7.23%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1994 to Oct 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.968%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-5	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅛-5	5½-5⅜	5-4
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5½-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4-3⅞	4¼-4⅛	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2½-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.40-383.80 Close: $384.10-384.60 High: $384.10-384.60 Low: $382.65-383.15 AM: $383.70 PM: $383.80

Krugerrand: $383.75-385.75 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $410.35 (£261.20) Silver: $5.17 (£3.29) Palladium: $154.60 (£98.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7267-2.7369	2.7335-2.7369	¼pr-par	¾-½pr
Brussels	50.04-50.28	50.17-50.28	6-1pr	15-18pr
Copenhagen	9.5190-9.5640	9.5490-9.5640	⅛-⅜ds	½-⅝ds
Dublin	1.0130-1.0165	1.0133-1.0160	1pr-2ds	6-1pr
Frankfurt	2.4338-2.4430	2.4397-2.4430	½-¼pr	¾-½pr
Lisbon	247.94-249.24	248.60-249.24	73-79ds	233-248ds
Madrid	202.76-203.63	203.34-203.63	32-41ds	90-108ds
Milan	2501.40-2522.70	2519.50-2522.70	5-7ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.1496-2.1604	2.1573-2.1604	0.11-0.01pr	0.20-0.08pr
New York	1.5680-1.5702	1.5690-1.5700	0.01pr-par	0.03pr-par
Oslo	10.6590-10.6950	10.6800-10.6950	¼-1¼ds	2¾-4¼ds
Paris	8.3520-8.3880	8.3740-8.3880	½-¼pr	1-½pr
Stockholm	11.5220-11.5870	11.5630-11.5870	1¼-2¼ds	5¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	153.71-154.24	153.93-154.19	⅞-⅝pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	17.12-17.18	17.14-17.18	1¼-½pr	5¼-3¼pr
Zurich	2.0626-2.0734	2.0704-2.0734	⅝-½pr	1½-1pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3078-1.3087
Austria	10.90-10.91
Belgium (Com)	31.89-31.90
Canada	1.3734-1.3739
Denmark	6.0660-6.0710
France	5.3235-5.3245
Germany	1.5490-1.5500
Hong Kong	7.7314-7.7319
Ireland	1.5518-1.5533
Italy	1603.5-1604.5
Japan	97.92-97.97
Malaysia	2.5515-2.5525
Netherlands	1.7369-1.7374
Norway	6.7869-6.7889
Portugal	158.05-158.15
Singapore	1.4635-1.4645
Spain	129.14-129.24
Sweden	7.3452-7.3527
Switzerland	1.3130-1.3140

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5694-1.5722
Australia dollar	2.0554-2.0581
Bahrain dinar	0.5855-0.5975
Brazil real*	1.3071-1.3112
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland markka	7.3895-7.5055
Greece drachma	371.50-378.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1522-12.1607
India rupee	48.76-49.72
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	4.0097-4.0125
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.5176-2.5225
Pakistan rupee	47.68 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8245-5.9505
Singapore dollar	2.3005-2.3028
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4353-6.4866
S Africa rand (com)	5.5516-5.5600
U A E dirham	5.703-5.827

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	970	Legal & Gn	1,500
ASDA Gp	2,800	Lloyds Bk	2,500
Abbey Natl	2,700	MEPC	2,300
Alld Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	1,700
Argyll Gp	3,100	NatWst Bk	3,700
Arjo Wiggn	3,900	Nat Power	3,000
AB Foods	302	Nth Wst W	687
BAA	1,100	P & O	1,100
BAT Inds	3,400	Pearson	586
BOC	191	PowerGen	602
BP	9,800	Prudential	2,600
BTR	10,000	RMC	181
BT	7,400	RTZ	3,200
Bk of Scot	2,400	Rank Org	645
Barclays	3,800	Reckitt Col	2,500
Bass	794	Redland	963
Blue Circle	1,200	Reed Intl	295
Boots	584	Rentokil	911
Bowater	2,000	Reuters	2,800
Brit Aero	1,700	Rolls Royce	5,800
Brit Airwys	1,600	Ryl Ins	2,100
Brit Gas	8,000	Ryl Bk Scot	3,600
Brit Steel	6,100	Sainsbury	2,800
Burmah Cas	367	Schroders	277
Cable Wire	4,100	Scot & New	367
Cadbury	2,000	Scot Power	2,000
Caradon	252	Sears	4,200
Carlton Cms	521	Svrn Trent	432
Cm Union	356	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	1,700	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	485	SmKl Bch	2,700
Eastern Elec	1,400	Smith Nph	732
Enterpr Oil	2,300	Sthrn Elec	599
Forte	1,400	Std Chartd	2,900
GKN	443	Sun Allnce	593
GRE	2,200	TI Gp	963
GUS	694	TSB	2,300
Gen Acc	394	Tesco	4,300
Gen Elec	2,600	Thames W	890
Glaxo	3,400	Thrn EMI	2,800
Granada	2,400	Tomkins	5,200
Grand Met	3,000	Unilever	664
Guinness	3,400	Utd Bisc	821
HSBC	6,000	Vodafone	7,900
Hanson	4,100	Warburg (SG)	426
ICI	1,600	Wellcome	6,900
Inchcape	1,400	Whitbread	372
Kingfisher	1,300	Wlms Hld	897
Ladbroke	4,900	Wolseley	117
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	848

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 21 close
AMP Inc	70¾	70¾
AMR Corp	51½	50¾
AT & T	52	51½
Abbott Labs	31¾	32¾
Aetna Life	43½	44¼
Ahmanson (HF)	15¾	16¼
Air Prod & Chem	45	45¾
Albertson's	29¾	29¼
Alcan Alumnm	24	24½
Alco Standard	54¾	55¾
Allied Signal	32¼	32¼
Alum Co of Am	82¾	83¼
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	46½	46½
Amer Brands	34¼	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	100¾	100¾
Amer El Power	31¼	31¼
Amer Express	28¾	29¼
Amer Genl Corp	26½	26½
Amer Home Pr	64	64¼
Amer Intl	91¼	91¾
Amer Stores	26½	27¼
Ameritech	40½	40½
Amoco	61¼	61½
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾
Apple Computer	38¾	38¾
Archer Daniels	28¾	28¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	40¾	40½
Asarco	26½	27¾
Ashland Oil	36¾	37¼
Atl Richfield	104¾	104¾
Auto Data Pro	57¼	57¼
Avery Dennison	33¾	33¾
Avon Products	61¼	61½
Baker Hughes	18¾	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	21¼	21½
Banc One	24¼	25¼
BankAmerica	39½	39
Bank of NY	27¾	28¼
Bankers Tr NY	55¾	56½
Barnett Banks	37¼	37¼
Bausch & Lomb	33¾	33¾
Baxter Intl	26	26½
Becton Dicknsn	47¼	46¾
Bell Atlantic	50¾	50¾
BellSouth	52¾	52¼
Black & Decker	24	24½
Block (H&R)	39½	40¼
Boeing	45¼	44¼
Boise Cascade	23¾	23¼
Borden Inc	13¾	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	26¼	26½
Brunswick	18¾	18¾
Burlington Nthn	47¾	47¾
CBS	55	55½
CNA Financial	62¼	63½
CPC Intl	53	52¾
CSX	66¼	66¼
Campbell Soup	44¼	44¼
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	84½	84¾
Carolina Pwr	25½	25½
Caterpillar	53¼	54¾
Central & SW	20¾	20¾
Champion Intl	33¼	34
Chase Manhat	35¾	34¼
Chemical Bk	35½	35¼
Chevron Corp	44	43¾
Chrysler	48½	48¼
Chubb Corp	69½	70¼
Cigna Corp	63¼	64¾
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	57¾	57¾
Coastal Corp	26½	26¼
Coca Cola	53	53¼
Colgate-Palmolive	61¼	61¼
Columbia Gas	24½	29¼
Compaq Comp	38¾	39¼
Comp Ass Intl	45¼	45¾
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	24½	24¾
Cons Nat Gas	34¼	34½
Cons Rail	51	50¼
Cooper Inds	36½	36½
Corning Inc	30¼	30¾
Crown Cork	38¼	38½
Dana Corp	20¾	21½
Dayton Hudson	79¼	78¼
Deere	64¾	65½
Delta Air Lines	52	51¾
Deluxe Corp	28	28¾
Detroit Edison	29½	29½
Digital Equip	35½	36¼
Dillard Dept St	27¾	27½
Disney (Walt)	43¼	42¼
Dominion Res	36	35¾
Donnelley (RR)	29	29½
Dover Corp	51¼	51¾
Dow Chemical	64¾	64½
Dow Jones	29¼	29¾
Dresser	20¼	20¼
Duke Power	39½	39¼
Dun & Bradstreet	53¼	53½
Du Pont	53½	54¼
Eastman Kodak	46¾	47¼
Eaton Corp	48¾	49¾
Emerson Elec	60½	61¼
Engelhard Corp	22¼	22¼

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 21 close
Enron Corp	28¾	29¾
Entergy	22	22¼
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	61½	60½
FMC Corp	60¼	60¾
FPL Group	33¾	32¾
Federal Express	60¾	60¾
Fed Nat Mtge	69¼	69¾
First Chicago	46½	46
First Interstate	71½	71¼
First Union Rlty	6¾	7
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31
Fluor Corp	42½	43½
Ford Motor	27¼	27¼
GTE Corp	30¼	30¼
Gannett	49¼	48¾
Gap Inc Del	37¼	38
Gen Dynamics	39¼	40
Gen Electric	47¼	47¾
Gen Mills	55¾	56½
Gen Motors	37	37¾
Gen Reinsurance	113¼	112¾
Gen Signal	35	36¼
Genuine Parts	35¼	35½
Georgia Pac	69¾	69¾
Gillette	73¾	73¾
Glaxo ADR	19¾	19½
Goodrich (BF)	42¼	43½
Goodyear Tire	33	32¾
Grace (W&R)	38¼	38½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾
Great Wstn Fin	15¾	15¾
Halliburton	34¼	34¾
Harcourt General	36	35¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¼	36¾
Hercules	113¼	114¾
Hershey Foods	47½	47½
Hewlett Packard	98¾	99¼
Hilton Hotels	69¾	70½
Home Depot	46¾	46¼
Homestake Mng	17½	17¾
Honeywell	29¾	29¾
Household Intl	35¾	35¾
Houston Inds	32½	32½
Humana	22	22¼
ITT Corp	83¾	84
Illinois Tool	42½	43¼
Illinova	19¼	19¼
INCO	26½	26½
Ingersoll Rand	31¼	30¾
Inland Steel	30¾	30½
Intel Corp	66¾	66½
IBM	72¾	72¾
Intl Flav & Fr	44¾	44
Intl Paper	71	71
James River Va	21	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	53¾	54
Kellogg	60½	60½
Kerr-McGee	47¼	47¾
Kimberly-Clark	48¾	49
Kmart	14¾	14¾
Knight-Ridder	49	49¾
Lilly (Eli)	60¼	61¼
Limited Inc	21	21½
LIN Brdcstng	139¾	140¼
Lincoln Nat	36¾	36¾
Litton	33¾	34
Liz Claiborne	21½	21½
Lockheed	69¾	70½
Louisiana Pac	27¼	27¾
MCI Comm	21½	21½
Marriott Int	28¾	28¾
Marsh & McLen	72¾	72¾
Masco Corp	22¾	23
May Dept St	36¾	36
Maytag Corp	14¾	14¾
McDonalds	29¾	29¾
McDonnell D	140¾	141½
McGraw Hill	68¾	68¾
Mead Corp	45¾	45¾
Medtronic	52¾	51½
Mellon Bk	32¾	32¾
Melville Corp	32¼	32
Merck Inc	36¾	37
Merrill Lynch	37¾	38
Minnesota Mins	52¾	53¾
Mobil Corp	85	84¾
Monsanto	72¾	72¾
Morgan (JP)	58¾	59¾
Motorola Inc	57¾	58¾
Natl Medical	14¾	14¾
Natl Semi	18¾	18¾
Natl Service Ind	26¼	26¾
Navistar Inc	13	12¾
NBD Bancorp	27¾	28¼
NY Times A	24¼	24¾
Newmont Mng	38	39¼
Niag Mohawk	13½	13¾
Nike B	64¾	63¾
NL Industries	11½	11¾
Noram Energy	5½	5¾
Nordstrom	45	45¾
Norfolk Sthrn	59¾	60¼
Nthn State Pwr	44½	44½
Norwest Corp	22¼	22¾
Nynex Corp	38¼	38¾
Occidental Pet	19¾	19¾
Ohio Edison	18½	18¾
Oracle Systems	42¾	42¾
Oryx Energy Co	12¾	12½

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 21 close
Owens Corning	28¾	28¾
PNC Financial	20¾	20¾
PPG Industries	35	35¾
Paccar Inc	40½	41¼
Pacificorp	17¾	17¾
Pac Enterprises	20¾	20¾
Pac Gas & Elect	22¼	22½
Pac Telesis	29¾	29¾
Pall Corp	18¾	19
Panhandle East	20½	21¼
Parker Hannifin	43¾	43½
Peco Energy	24½	23¾
Penney (JC)	47	48¾
Pennzoil	47¾	47½
Pepsico	36¼	36¾
Pfizer	75½	76
Phelps Dodge	57¾	58½
Philip Morris	61	61¼
Phillips Pet	33½	33
Pitney Bowes	34¼	34
Polaroid	30½	31¼
PriceCostco	14¾	14½
Procter & Gmbl	63½	63¾
Providian	31½	31½
Pub Serv E & G	25½	25½
Quaker Oats	63½	63¼
Ralston Purina	42¾	42½
Raychem Corp	35¼	35¾
Raytheon	63¾	64½
Reebok Intl	38¼	38¾
Reynolds Metals	48¾	49
Roadway Srvcs	51½	51¼
Rockwell Intl	34¼	34¾
Rohm & Haas	55¾	55½
Royal Dutch	108¾	108
Rubbermaid	27¾	28½
Safeco Corp	47¼	48¾
St Paul's Cos	41½	42¼
Salomon Inc	38¼	37¼
Santa Fe Pac	16¾	13¾
Sara Lee Corp	39¾	24¾
Scecorp	13¾	13¾
Schering Plough	73¾	74¾
Schlumberger	55¾	54¾
Scott Paper	65¾	66¼
Seagram	28¼	28¾
Sears Roebuck	48¾	48¾
Shell Trans	66	65¾
Sherwin Wllms	30¾	30¾
Skyline Corp	18½	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	31¼	31¾
Southern Co	19¾	19¾
Sthwestern Bell	42½	42¾
Sprint Corp	31½	30¾
Stanley Works	36¾	37¼
Sun Company	28¾	28¾
Sun Microsys	33	33¾
Suntrust	48¾	48¾
Supervalu	24¼	24½
Sysco Corp	25½	26¼
TRW Inc	66¾	66¾
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17¾	17¾
Tandy Corp	43¾	43¾
Teledyne	17¾	17¾
Temple Inland	45¾	46¾
Tenneco	39¾	39¾
Texaco	62¾	61½
Texas Inst	77¾	78¾
Texas Utilities	31¼	30¾
Textron	48¾	49¾
Time Warner	34¾	35¼
Times-Mirror	32	31½
Timken	32¾	32¾
Torchmark	33¾	34¾
Toys R Us	37	37¾
Transamerica	48¾	48¾
Travelers	31¾	31¾
Tribune	52¾	53
Tyco Labs	48¾	48¾
UST Inc	28¾	28¾
UAL	94¾	93¾
USX Marathon	18¾	19
Unicom	25¾	22¾
Unilever NV	111¾	111¾
Union Camp	45	47¾
Union Carbide	28¾	28¾
Union Pacific	46¾	47¾
Unisys Corp	9¾	10¼
USAir Group	4¾	4¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	32¾	32¾
US West	36¾	36¾
United Tech	59¾	59¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	30¾	31
VF Corp	50¾	49¾
Walk Tech	38¾	39¾
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	75¾	76¾
Wells Fargo	142¾	141¾
Westinghouse El	12¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	36¾	37
Whirlpool	49¾	50
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	52¾	53¾
Woolworth	14¾	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47	46¾
Xerox	100¾	100¾
Yellow Corp	19¾	19¾

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

One for the birds

THE traditional Christmas hamper has a rival that should please vegetarians and the green lobby. Fortnum & Mason, for the first time since it was founded in 1707, has produced a vegetarian hamper. At £85, the hamper comes complete with oat cakes, olive paste, onion soup, nut selection and a vegetarian Christmas pudding in a plastic basin. Oh yes! and to make it environmentally friendly, it is all packed in a basket surrounded by popcorn instead of the usual polystyrene chips. Gerald Hamilton, Fortnum's managing director, says the popcorn is not suitable for human consumption "but it's OK for birds". Another innovation is a hamper for chocoholics at £55. And if you don't like chocolates and are not a vegetarian, you can still acquire the traditional Fortnum & Mason Christmas hampers — at prices ranging from £25 to £1,000.

Bush babies

CLARIDGES, London, is a long way from the mighty Zambezi or the grey-green banks of the Limpopo. But Henry Meakin, the Rhodesian-born chairman of quoted radio group GWR, founder of Classic FM, and chairman of Aspen Communications, is hosting a party for Aspen's 25th anniversary and has invited some "old hands" who share a Rhodesian link, and all of whom have done well in London. Guests will include Andrew Tuckey, chairman of Baring Brothers, and Richard Clothier, chief executive of Dalgety, though Rupert Pennant-Rea, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, sadly cannot make the celebration. Trawling back over 30 years, Meakin recalls "Pennant-Rea had some extremely pretty older sisters, Tuckey was an extremely good tennis player, and Clothier bred his own snakes." Myt Haven't they all done well since coming out of the bush!



"Don't know about you — but I'm freezing"

All dressed up

ANN Robinson, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, is aware she does not get many opportunities to meet the people responsible for public affairs for leading companies in Britain, so she sent out a letter last week inviting corporate communications directors to a reception. She trusts the reception will be the first of many. But that seems unlikely. The invitation to one of the bidden gave no date, no time — and no place.

60 years on

NOW you know why Harry Oppenheimer — known as HFO — is not only the king of diamonds but of timing, too. HFO, 86, has served 60 years on the board of De Beers and on December 27 is retiring. Sixty years is traditionally celebrated with diamonds, of which, though, he may already have enough.

COLIN CAMPBELL

World free trade at stake in America's game of chicken

History will repeat itself if the US blocks a world trade organisation, says Colin Narbrough

The world trade agreement, outcome of seven years of tough and complex negotiations, could yet founder on reefs that have appeared in its path on the Potomac since the Republicans' landslide victory in America's mid-term elections.

America, the only superpower in the new world order, has become increasingly critical of the international institutions set up after 1945.

Washington blocked the formation of the equivalent of a World Trade Organisation (WTO) when the major Western powers agreed to set up the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund 50 years ago.

Signals from Congress now indicate that America may once again prevent the formation of a WTO, a watchdog of multilateral free trade, even though both Democrats and Republicans claim to have the majority of their politicians behind ratification of the Uruguay Round treaty supposed to come into force in January.

This foresees the WTO superseding the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), the temporary body set up after the war to promote and monitor free trade as a central mechanism of economic progress.

The Uruguay Round negotiations, which were to have been concluded in four years, took seven to arrive at a treaty. At the ministerial conference to sign it, in Marrakesh, in April, it was agreed that ratification should be completed by the end of next month, which seemed eminently achievable.

The Uruguay Round, the most ambitious of the post-war Gatt negotiations, was constantly working to deadlines, frequently artificial, only to see them overrun. This led to Gatt negotiators acquiring something of a "Peter and the Wolf" reputation. Peter Sutherland, the tough-talking Irish lawyer and former European Commissioner who has held the Gatt director-generalship through the crucial period of breakthrough in 1993, has sought to avoid becoming too attached to deadlines. Yet, even he, while repeating the diplomatic mantra of confidence that the trade agreement will be ratified on time, has stepped up his efforts to persuade Republicans that denying President Clinton another success over the Uruguay Round would be a pyrrhic victory.

Gatt negotiators meet in Geneva today to prepare for the implementation conference for the world trade agreement, due to begin on December 8.

Calculating the economic benefit of a successful liberalisation of trade in the new areas, such as services and agricultural products, besides further reducing, or removing, tariffs on manufactured goods, is an almost impossible task. Gatt economists recently upped their estimate of the increase in global income to be expected from the Uruguay Round, if implemented by all 123 countries involved. By the time market access commitments are fully implemented in 2005, world income will gain an estimated $510 billion a year from the liberalisation measures.

Preliminary figures earlier this year foresaw an annual boost of only $235 billion. The economists emphasised that the higher figure probably underestimates the overall effect of the Uruguay Round treaty, because it takes into account only the benefit from freer trade in services. The annual gain for America by 2005 is put at $122 billion, with the European Union the biggest gainer, on $164 billion, with Japan gaining a mere $27 billion.

In New York on Monday, Mr Sutherland said: "If the Uruguay Round were to fail, and fail it will if the ratification is not completed by December 2, we will lose not merely the benefits, but will destroy the multilateral trade system". He emphasised the crucial role that America has. Without the world's largest trading nation, the Gatt deal would be doomed to unravel.

Although further delays in the Uruguay Round, or total collapse, have been seen by some commentators as leading to increased protectionism and trade wars between rival free-trade areas, others believe that the economic benefits of trade liberalisation have been so widely accepted that they cannot go into sudden reverse. Indeed, many countries have freed up their trade regimes in advance while the Gatt deal was being negotiated.

The European Court of Justice last week opened the way for the European Union to proceed with early ratification, ruling in the dispute between Brussels and member nations on competence for trade negotiations. Japan says that it expects to pass ratification legislation before its parliamentary session ends on December 3.

The decisive vote now rests with Congress and the readiness of the Republican majority in the Senate to flex its new muscle in defiance of the Clinton Administration. The Gatt treaty has had opponents among Republicans and Democrats, but there has been strong bi-partisan support for it.

Republican concern that the WTO will pose a threat to America's soverign powers to use its own trade legisation to right perceived wrongs is dismissed as unfounded by Mr Sutherland. Tokyo's enthusiasm for resolving trade disputes under WTO rules, rather than in bilateral battles with Washington, has, however, fed American suspicion.

Senator Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader, has become the champion of the opponents of ratifying the world trade pact. His objections, though, are linked more to a demand for tax cuts than to anything directly related to trade. The senator, who is from grain-growing Kansas, earlier demanded legislation to allow America to quit the WTO with ease. He also wants some redrafting of the trade deal on licensing cordless telephones.

Congress is scheduled to vote after tomorrow's Thanksgiving holiday on the implementation legislation. The lame duck Democrat-controlled House and Senate will be voting, but Republicans already hold the balance of power and will hold a majority in the new Congress in January.

The Clinton Administration, with its central ambitions in domestic policy thwarted, has invested much political capital in securing implementation of the world trade agreement. It insists that the deadline for ratification is the expiry this month of the "fast-track" authority that prevents Congress from picking the legislation apart.

Some Republicans think that it would be better to let the latest Clinton deadline slip, to let the new Congress scrutinise the trade deal. They can justifiably argue that the economic climate has changed. A new free-trade pact as a motor of economic growth is not as attractive as it was in the depths of the recession. Experiences from the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) provide food for amended thought on trade policy.

With the Clinton Administration still short of the 60 Senate votes it needs to waive rules for the Uruguay Round accord, and some Republicans saying they have no hope of getting them, Senator Dole has proposed a cynical trade-off to the White House.

The waiver the Administration needs would free it from rules that compel it to introduce spending cuts or tax increases equivalent to the amount that will be lost by cutting import tariffs under the trade agreement. Senator Dole has demanded a matching waiver of Senate budget rules for a cut in capital gains tax, an anathema to the Democrats.

The test of wills could become the biggest game of "chicken" Washington has seen for a long time. The White House has promised a big, hard, close fight. It must be remembered, however, that the Democrats have themselves been divided on free trade and it was the Republicans who gave the necessary backing in both houses last year for the Nafta deal. Newt Gingrich, the robust Republican about to become House speaker, has declared important support for the trade deal.

The Washington Institute for International Economics, which is close to the Democrats, has calculated that the Uruguay Round would narrow America's persistent trade deficit by more than $19 billion a year by the end of the decade. Given the renewed widening of the trade gap, despite the very weak dollar, this provides a good argument for Republicans backing the pact.

Another, possibly more persuasive for the American electorate, has been made by Al Gore, the Vice-President, who pointed out that the $774 billion cut in tariffs that the Gatt deal would bring was "the biggest tax cut in history".





Capitol Hill's return to Republican hands imperils ratification of world free trade, backed by Gatt's Peter Sutherland, left, and challenged by Bob Dole



ANTHONY HARRIS

One-way risks and the bond conundrum

Are bond investors perverse fogies? Repeated lectures from the Governor, no less, suggest baffled impatience; and reports of very smart money now returning to the bond market suggest investors are not all of one mind. But it surely takes more than a handful of fogies to explain the mysteries of the 1994 bond market: why they appear to forecast implausible future inflation rates; and why the prices of derivatives project future interest rates nobody really expects.

Markets are in theory efficient and rational; so this is an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Economists have retreated into what amounts to a collective shrug, but recently the Fed has come up with what may be a $300 billion answer to the riddle: hedging in the derivatives and repo markets markets by holders of US mortgage-backed securities. Hedging in what by whom, you may ask? Reach for the cold towel.

The core of the explanation is that the US mortgage market is exposed to a risk unknown in London since 1932. That was the year when Neville Chamberlain, then Chancellor, redeemed a a huge outstanding burden of 4 per cent long bonds before their due date, and swapped them for new bonds with a 2½ per cent coupon. This stuck holders not only with an income penalty but a large capital loss. It took the Treasury years to live it down, and the redemption date on a British bond has been immutable ever since. Long-term fixed-rate mortgages are the same: there is an early redemption penalty.

The US fixed-interest market never had a similar shock, and there a fixed-interest mortgage loan is just a loan: its term runs until the borrowers chooses to repay. This leaves lenders exposed to an assymmetrical risk. If rates are rising, the cost of funds rises while the return on assets is frozen: but when rates turn down, borrowers repay early, so the high-return assets melt away.

This did not much worry the savings and loan industry in the old days of Regulation Q, which put a cap on the rate which could be offered to depositors: rising rates meant a liquidity squeeze, but not a capital loss. But deregulation exposed them to potential capital loss, and under the Volcker regime this proved almost fatal. After the S&L crash, the survivors found a way to pass the parcel: securitisation of mortgage loans. This passed risks of rising rates on to investors outside the industry.

Holders of mortgage-backed securities are generally highly leveraged funds. They first took a bath when rates fell: borrowers repaid early, so lenders lost their expected profit on falling interest rates. This was not fatal; but as rates began to rise last February, they were suddenly exposed to the old S&L risk: borrowers would hang on for the life of the loan while the cost of their leveraged finance remorselessly rose. They sought protection in the derivates and repo markets, both by nature even more highly leveraged than the funds which use them. By selling borrowed bonds or bond futures, they secured a balancing profit if rates should go on rising.

This manoeuvre is no more a forecast of future interest rates than fire insurance is a forecast of future fires; but since the derivatives market interacts with that for the underlying securities, the selling of futures has helped to depress bond prices. And it has been on a large scale. The NY Fed has estimated there has been a substantial effect on the yield of longer dated bonds, and reports market estimates of a short bond position of about $300 billion. And since bonds of different countries are reasonably close substitutes in a global market, rising US interest rates have depressed long bond prices all over the world, even in countries where short rates were still expected to fall.

But note the moral: when the Fed decides enough is enough, as it may do after that latest 75-basis point rise imposed on a slowing economy, the fire risk will fall or vanish. And then there could be a $300 billion liquidation of bear positions. "Bounce" is too mild a word for it. Now you know what some smart money is betting on.

The 'Dunnesty' saga

Irish family feud over grocery chain millions ends in truce

BEN Dunne Jr, one of Ireland's most flamboyant businessmen, is expected to receive around Ir£100 million for his 19 per cent interest in his family's vast retailing business as a long-running and acrimonious legal fight — which came to be known as "Dunnesty" — was settled out of court.

The High Court in Dublin was told that the case had been settled privately and that Mr Dunne had withdrawn his allegations about the status of the complex family trust, whose beneficiaries were the children and grandchildren of the original Mr Dunne.

Dunnes Stores, the food retailer and drapery business, is an unlimited private company estimated to have sales of about Ir£800 million, pre-tax profits in excess of Ir£50 million and no borrowings. It grew from one store established by Ben Dunne Sr in Cork in 1944 and the family trust was established in 1983 on his death.

With the settlement, a potentially explosive court action by Ben Dunne Jr was dropped. Ben, his sisters, Therese Dunne and the socialite Margaret Heffernan, and their brother, Frank Dunne, a racehorse trainer, avoided further damage to their names. (A fifth party to the dispute was the estate of their sister, Elizabeth McMahon, who died last year). Preliminary skirmishes had seen plenty of mud slung and each side had let it be known worse was to come.

In one affidavit, Mrs Heffernan, Ben Dunne's chief antagonist, told how he had walked into a meeting she was holding with a third party. He stubbed out his cigarette in her mineral water and directed a stream of foul abuse at her and her guest.

Separately, Mr Dunne claimed that "Mrs H", as he calls her, had told him at a board meeting: "I am going to undermine you forever, you little bastard."

In 1992, Mr Dunne was arrested with a bag of cocaine and a prostitute in a Florida hotel. When he escaped with a caution, Mrs H was reportedly furious and telephoned the lawyer to ask how dare he defend Ben so vigorously. "The little bastard" should have gone to jail, she said.

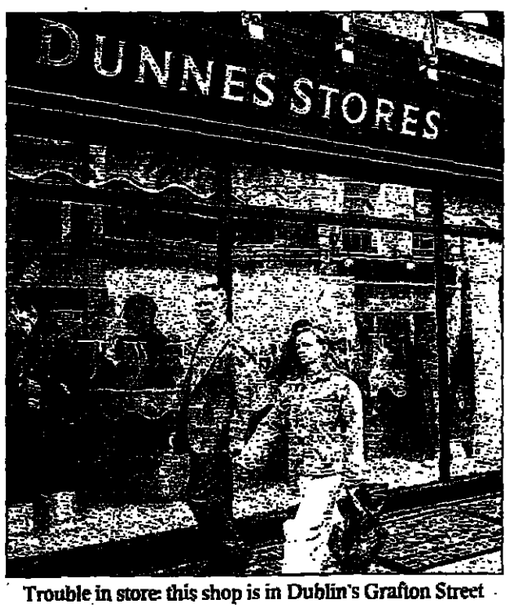
Ben Dunne was already one of Ireland's best-known businessmen. In 1981 he had been kidnapped by the Provisional IRA and released after reports of a substantial ransom payment. Although he is the youngest of the Dunne siblings, he had effectively run the business since his father's death. The coke and call girl episode caused a sensation in Ireland and hugely embarrassed other family members. It also sowed the seeds for the final confrontation at Dunnes Stores.

Ben Dunne was sent to a psychiatric hospital in London and emerged determined to sort out the relationships with his siblings which led to 20 years of petty vendettas.

Since 1983, he had been nominally joint-managing director with his brother, Frank, who, it later emerged, had scarcely visited the office in that time. Ben said his siblings were drawing the same salary as he was but that he was doing all the work and had trebled the size of the business. He demanded to be made executive chairman and won on a split board decision. However, his role in the top job did not last long: his sister Therese later changed her vote and he was sacked.

The court case would have featured claims that family members had shifted vast sums of Dunnes Stores money offshore, not always with the knowledge of other family members. If Ben Dunne had established that the trust was a fraud, the family would have had to pay him for his share and would also have faced a tax bill of about Ir£100 million. By settling, they hoped to avoid a day of reckoning with the taxman.

Mr Dunne has signed a no-compete clause lasting two years. He is expected to try to buy one of several retail businesses in Ireland owned by the Weston family, including Quinnsworth, which has 20 per cent of the Irish grocery trade.



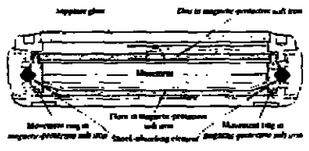
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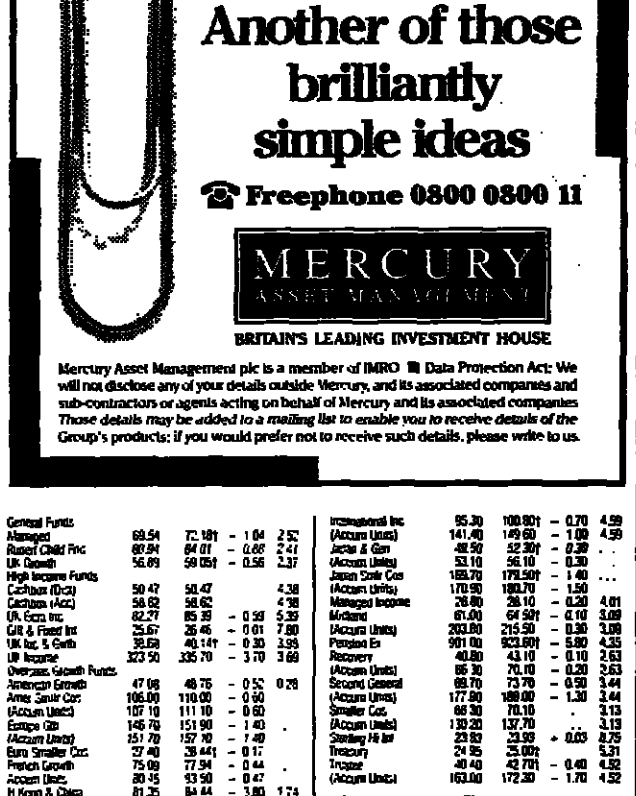
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Fixed Interest #	21.99	23.06	-0.02	8.56
Fund Inv Tst	174.90	184.00†	-1.00	0.91
Japan	185.80	194.60	-0.80	..
Latin American	70.92	74.44	-1.09	0.65
Pacific	72.27	76.03	-1.38	0.35
Property Share	62.67	65.78	-0.06	2.03
UK Emerging Cos	62.85	65.97	-0.31	1.88
UK Growth	43.09	45.78†	-0.38	2.56
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Pacific	106.00	112.80	-2.30	0.71
UK Smllr Cos	50.44	53.66		1.16
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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
081 236 5685 Enq: 081 236 5685 Dlg: 081 236 5362				
American & Gen	144.00	153.20	-0.90	
European Inc	74.92	79.42	-0.62	0.40
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.26	82.30	+0.04	1.92
Growth	403.30	429.10	-0.80	2.35
Income & Growth	389.60	414.50	-4.20	4.01
(Accum Units)	547.40	582.40	-6.70	4.01
Japan & Gen	73.93	78.12	-0.55	
Master Portfolio	£99.97	£103.89†	-£1.03	1.99
(Accum Units)	£118.65	£123.52	-£1.22	1.99
Special Sits	92.32	98.22	-1.69	2.34
High Yield	£12.94	£12.93†	-14.00	4.49

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
031 226 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	34.57	36.97†	-0.13	
Cash Income	50.01	50.01†		4.65
European Gwth	38.41	40.94	-0.37	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	26.14	27.95	-0.19	4.77
Intl Gwth	29.59	31.64	-0.32	0.30
Japan Gwth	27.71	29.63	-0.39	
Managed Tst Inc	46.27	49.48	-0.36	2.07
Oriental Opps Inc	140.60	150.30	-2.40	
Property Shares	34.86	37.05	-0.11	0.85
Smaller Cos	30.23	32.33†	-0.07	1.60
UK Growth Tst	24.74	26.45	-0.47	3.08
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.78	74.60	-0.71	1.33
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.38	68.85†	-0.77	2.75
Exempt (C)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	135.80	145.29	-0.50	0.55
Foundation	88.47	94.62	-0.31	3.49
German	49.31	52.49†	-0.28	
High Income	71.82	76.59	-0.37	6.28
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	77.63	83.02	-1.58	4.56
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.55	86.01	-0.60	2.31
American Portfolio	85.17	90.68	-0.92	1.22
European Portfolio	92.20	98.14	-0.68	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	66.33	70.45	-0.41	
Pacific Portfolio	140.19	150.75	-1.99	0.68
UK Inc & Growth	72.93	78.31	-0.56	3.56
Utility & Bond	53.55	54.12	-0.32	6.95
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	647.20	654.10		4.63
Fxd Int Sec	146.40	146.75		9.88
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	63.04	67.06	-0.62	2.98
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	639.05	644.81		4.73
Accum	£27.11	£27.41		
Inc	118.95	119.14		9.74
(Accum Units)	181.34	181.65		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7687				
Intl Growth	124.49	135.75		
UK Income	106.34	116.17		5.175
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	70.87	75.27†		2.22
Beck Bio-Tech	24.33	27.10		
Acorn Ethical Tst	150.83	158.77		1.02
City Fin Assets	69.50	73.94†		1.07
City Fin America	80.02	84.23		
City Fin Intl	75.95	79.95†		0.49
City Fin Japan	171.24	180.25		
Friars Hse Cap	264.53	286.21		1.92
Friars Hse Inc	191.33	203.54†		4.07
Buckley Wrld Grth	131.16	139.53		0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	137.35	146.12†		
-do- Inc & Gth	106.27	113.97		1.61
Fairmount Intl	156.04	164.25†		
City Fin Pflo Inc	53.97	57.41		4.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.82	60.29	-0.26	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.86	56.54	-0.29	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.72	38.20	-0.37	0.29
Dragon Growth	68.86	73.65	-1.69	0.30
Equity High Inc	79.18	84.23	-0.78	3.99
(Accum Units)	105.68	112.43	-1.04	3.99
European Gwth	48.61	51.71	-0.50	0.77
Evergreen	28.01	29.96	-0.32	
General Equity	80.13	85.02	-0.80	2.56
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.88	25.11	-0.01	5.30
Japan Growth	52.07	55.69	-0.38	
Pedigree Gwth	48.37	51.46	-0.34	2.71
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	29.73	31.63†		1.07
(Accum Units)	30.89	32.86	-0.01	1.07
Retirement Inc #	24.97	26.71	-0.17	5.74
Special Sits	36.58	38.12	-0.15	1.95
UK & Overseas	46.82	49.81	-0.50	1.22
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 890 000				
Capital	64.01	68.45	-0.73	2.32
Income	57.78	61.79	-0.55	4.27
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.87	161.56†	-1.81	5.55
Fixed & Convertible	38.50	40.96†	-0.09	7.58
Monthly Inc Plus	46.56	49.53	-0.02	9.05
Preference Share	44.84	47.70†	-0.02	7.89
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	118.60	126.17†	-1.01	7.39
Managed Fund	64.68	68.81†	-0.73	3.06
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.05	40.48	-0.08	1.68
(Accum Units)	43.54	46.32	-0.09	1.68
UK & General	74.96	79.74†	-0.90	2.78
(Accum Units)	93.82	99.81†	-1.12	2.78
UK Growth	134.33	142.90	-1.46	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.78	194.45	+0.19	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	133.45	141.97	-2.20	
Global Bond	73.95	78.60†	+0.13	6.44
Japan Growth	123.21	131.10	-0.98	
North Amer Gth	152.79	162.54	-1.16	
Oriental Growth	75.66	80.49	-1.80	
Worldwide Growth	61.78	65.72†	-0.47	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.96	91.96†	+0.01	5.32
Homeowner Fund	74.92	79.70	-0.68	1.90
Quilter Fund	124.02	131.94	-1.39	2.97
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.93	59.49	-0.60	3.00
(Accum Units)	59.80	63.61	-0.65	3.00
High Income	32.20	34.25†	-0.25	4.70
Japan	36.13	38.43	-0.24	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.58	31.46†	-0.10	2.50
Smaller Cos	31.32	33.31	-0.11	2.50
North American	31.26	33.25	-0.29	0.40
European	35.69	37.96	-0.26	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.15	32.34		3.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	133.70	142.30†	-0.30	2.13
Income	68.99	73.40	-0.62	5.04
European	59.65	63.46†	-0.59	1.02
Recovery	149.60	159.20	-1.50	2.03
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	795.30	808.00†		4.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.36	72.72	-0.13	1.35
Income #	226.80	241.20†	-2.20	4.82
(Accum Units) #	558.50	594.10	-5.30	4.82
Smaller Cos	146.40	155.70	-0.60	0.86
(Accum Units)	178.60	189.90	-0.60	0.86
Inv Portfolio	76.15	81.01	-0.45	1.47
High Inc Port #	65.94	70.14	-0.64	4.90
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.04	£15.39†		
Japan Small Cos	£12.57	£12.83†		
UK Small Cos	£17.21	£17.97		
US Small Cos	£15.46	£15.90†		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	195.90	205.80†		2.88
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	264.60	279.70	-2.40	0.99
New Asia	212.70	227.00†	-4.20	0.15
Japan Growth	122.00	129.90†	-0.80	
Jap Smllr Co	510.80	543.20	-6.00	
Nth Amer	239.10	253.30	-2.70	0.94
Stwrs Asia Pac Mt	116.90	123.70	-2.50	0.36
UK Inc & Grth	204.60	218.50†	-2.80	3.04
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	135.30	143.90	-1.10	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	142.80	151.90†	-1.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	182.80	194.50†	-1.40	4.74
UK Prd & F I Inc	56.92	60.42	+0.06	5.19
Envrnmntl Opps	79.97	85.07	-0.24	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	113.50	120.40†	-0.70	1.45
Convertibles #	20.35	21.62	-0.10	6.48
Equity Income #	121.70	129.30	-1.10	4.10
Eurofund	43.16	45.74	-0.49	0.44
Financial	44.07	46.82	-0.43	1.60
Growth & Inc #	223.90	237.90	-2.40	3.24
High Dist #	146.70	155.90†	-1.40	4.81
International	382.30	406.20	-7.40	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	91.51	97.69†	-1.44	2.82
Latin American	46.12	49.00	-0.17	
Pacific	86.30	91.69	-2.08	
Preference Share	21.51	22.85†	-0.10	7.22
Tokyo	226.10	239.80	-2.00	
UK Smaller Cos	210.60	223.80	-0.50	1.23
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	205.64	219.71	+1.01	0.97
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	199.80	212.50†		0.81
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0296 431 480				
European	75.53	79.50	-0.72	1.71
Ethical Tst	43.17	45.44	-0.55	1.10
Far Eastern	299.29	315.04	-5.46	1.70
High Income #	125.93	132.56†	-1.39	4.85
Intl Growth	116.98	123.14	-1.29	1.32
North American	103.37	108.81	-1.79	1.36
Pelican	111.31	117.17†	-1.29	3.23
Smaller Cos	68.62	72.23	-0.28	2.34
Special Sits	85.62	90.13	-0.32	2.40
Tst of Inv Tsts	181.33	190.87	-1.30	1.45
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	199.94	208.27†	-0.21	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	343.85	364.43†	-0.37	1.41
Recovery	51.11	53.24†	-0.14	1.05
Recovery Acc	51.54	53.69†	-0.14	1.05
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	104.06	110.70†	-0.02	6.28
Capital Growth	79.72	85.45†	-0.64	
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.21	47.22	-0.32	0.61
High Income #	43.66	46.79†	-0.21	9.83
Warrant	56.57	60.84	-0.53	
Zero Preference	35.33	37.49	+0.11	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.30	77.98†	-0.43	2.42
Family Income Tst	46.39	49.39†	-0.26	5.83
Family Trust	81.14	86.31†	-0.77	1.14
United Charities	250.10	266.10†	-1.45	2.73
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.39	26.50†	+0.03	7.99
Intl Bond	26.91	27.32†	-0.07	5.33
Income Funds				
High Income	24.70	25.98†	-0.02	5.30
Income Plus	108.20	115.12	-0.60	4.33
Amer Eq Inc	43.40	46.38†	-0.46	1.60
European Income	43.94	47.54	-0.23	2.07
Far East Inc	60.73	64.63†	-0.33	1.15
Global Convertible	22.49	23.99	-0.09	3.62
UK Cvr Gth	33.40	24.89	-0.20	1.13
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.06	67.26†	-2.70	
American	224.30	237.90	-2.00	
Amer Spec Sits	110.10	117.50	-0.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.51	43.22	-0.46	..
European	160.60	170.80	-1.10	

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Opps	61.61	65.51	-0.13	
Global Ptrs	23.94	25.46	-0.31	1.30
UK Growth	85.77	91.20	-0.37	
Growth & Inc	136.30	145.00	-1.40	2.59
Intl PEP	35.36	37.59	-0.35	
Japan Spec Sits	93.18	98.22	-0.66	
Japan	197.60	210.50	-1.30	
Managed Intl	262.48	279.40	-2.60	..
MoneyBuilder	51.52	54.79	-0.34	..
Recovery	46.58	49.53	-0.13	
South E Asia	148.30	156.10	-4.80	
Special Sits	508.70	540.90	-1.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.19	107.19	+0.01	4.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 814 2708				
Balanced #	135.30	138.30		1.54
Inc Ptflio #	83.50	85.18†	-0.59	3.89
Cap Ptflio	139.70	142.50	-1.90	0.91
General Opps	119.70	121.90†		3.41
Growth Inc	29.73	30.39†	-0.28	1.75
Private Portfolio	394.50	403.00		1.46
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	108.70	114.90	-0.90	0.54
Emrg Asian	187.90	179.60†	-3.80	
High Income	21.15	22.49†	-0.09	10.00
Oseas Income	88.46	94.39	-0.66	3.03
UK Growth	104.30	111.70	-1.00	1.67
UK Income	100.30	106.90†	-0.90	4.30
US Smaller Cos	281.70	301.30†	-0.30	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.19	49.62	-0.35	3.40
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.97	77.78	-0.30	4.24
Intl Growth	70.85	74.45†	-0.83	1.24
Investment Trust	88.44	93.0	-0.56	..
UK Smaller Cos	78.13	82.16	-0.34	1.34
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.13	55.58	-0.58	
(Accum Units)	52.13	55.58	-0.58	
Amer Smlr Cos	449.20	480.30	-4.30	
(Accum Units)	458.90	490.70	-4.40	
Capital Tst	301.50	320.70		1.56
(Accum Units)	430.50	457.90	-0.10	1.56
Conf Smlr Cos	56.38	60.69	-0.16	0.59
(Accum Units)	59.27	63.82	-0.17	0.59
Convertible	127.80	135.90	-1.00	5.72
(Accum Units)	252.20	268.20	-0.90	5.72
Emerging Markets	79.46	84.89	-1.26	
(Accum Units)	79.53	84.95	-1.36	
European	112.80	119.80	-1.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	118.10	125.50	-1.20	0.14
Extra Income	318.30	338.50	-2.60	3.96
(Accum Units)	471.00	501.00	-3.80	3.96
Financial	112.90	121.50	-1.60	0.23
(Accum Units)	118.90	127.90	-1.80	0.23
Gilt Trust	60.60	62.49	+0.03	6.38
(Accum Units)	84.62	87.27	+0.04	6.38
Health Fund Inc	120.70	128.90	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	120.70	128.90	-0.40	
Income & Growth	181.30	192.80	-1.70	3.22
(Accum Units)	273.80	291.20	-2.40	3.22
Intl Growth	345.50	368.30†	-3.20	
(Accum Units)	383.60	410.10†	-3.50	
Japan & Gen	181.10	193.60	-2.20	
(Accum Units)	182.90	195.50	-2.20	
Managed Port Inc	101.00	106.30	-0.70	1.44
(Accum Units)	107.10	112.70	-0.70	1.44
Monthly Income	158.00	168.00	-0.80	3.97
Quarterly Income	50.65	53.87	-0.20	4.69
(Accum Units)	53.89	57.32	-0.21	4.69
Recovery	331.00	353.90	-1.50	0.08
(Accum Units)	389.60	416.60	-1.80	0.08
UK Growth	50.83	54.30	-0.33	2.71
(Accum Units)	52.58	56.06	-0.35	2.71
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	363.40	386.50†	-3.40	2.63
-do- Accum	767.40	816.30†	-7.20	2.63
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.70	145.40	-1.00	0.22
-do- Accum	142.50	151.50	-1.10	0.22
FP Fxd Int Dist	128.60	136.00	-0.10	7.23
-do- Accum	232.80	246.20	-0.10	7.23
FP Intl Gth Dist	90.47	96.24	-0.81	0.56
-do- Accum	94.38	100.40	-0.80	0.56
FP Nth Amer Dist	177.00	187.40	-1.10	1.15
-do- Accum	194.00	205.50	-1.20	1.15
FP Pac Basin Dist	308.30	327.80	-6.80	0.14
-do- Accum	314.50	334.50	-7.00	0.14
Stewardship Dist	315.70	335.60†	-1.50	2.07
-do- Accum	386.10	410.70†	-1.80	2.07
Stwdshp Inc Dist	69.41	73.84†	-0.23	3.69
-do- Accum	89.49	95.20†	-0.29	3.69
N Am Stshp Dist	94.57	100.60	-0.60	0.68
-do- Accum	100.30	106.60	-0.60	0.68
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	106.10	112.80	-0.30	0.88
Open Cap Gth Acc	108.60	115.70	-0.40	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.10	108.60	-0.20	1.70
Cap Gth Inc Acc	103.80	110.40	-0.10	1.70
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	104.20	110.80	-0.10	1.65
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	105.70	112.40	-0.10	1.65
NM Unit Trusts				
Americas	41.57	44.22†	-0.36	1.33
Australian	311.80	334.50	-6.60	0.0
Conscience	69.22	73.87	-0.15	0.44
European	193.10	205.40	-2.10	0.80
(Accum Units)	208.90	222.20	-2.30	0.80
Extra Income	68.59	73.20†	-0.98	6.08
Gilt & FI	55.57	58.77	+0.01	6.49
Gold	52.33	56.28	-1.92	0.0
Income	52.17	55.54	-0.59	4.0
(Accum Units)	165.90	176.90	-1.80	4.0
Intl	31.63	33.75†	-0.49	0.70
(Accum Units)	45.87	48.95	-0.71	0.70
Jap Smaller Cos	379.50	404.80	-1.60	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	257.20	275.80	-10.40	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.98	31.16	-0.63	0.84
Special Sits	34.52	37.11†	-0.50	1.92
Sterling Deposit	100.70	100.70†		4.80
Tokyo	88.72	94.63	-0.41	0.0
UK Equity	166.00	177.00	-0.40	2.70
(Accum Units)	317.80	338.90	-0.90	2.70
US Smaller Cos	107.10	114.50	-1.00	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	226.00	238.00†	-1.80	2.66
Cash	49.37	50.11†		4.13
Growth Portfolio	76.28	80.84	-0.70	0.72
Income Portfolio	61.18	64.70†	-0.31	4.69
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	174.90	187.10	-0.70	
European	533.70	570.70	-4.10	0.47
Far East & Gen	279.50	299.00	-4.70	
Germany	112.60	119.50	-1.00	
Income Inc	145.30	155.40	-1.00	4.54
(Accum Units)	153.90	164.60	-1.00	4.54
International	328.10	350.90	-4.20	0.30
Intl Income	76.33	81.03	-0.83	4.26
Japan & General	402.70	428.90	-1.20	
Korean Securities	77.15	82.52	-4.23	
Smllr Cos Dvr Inc	46.04	49.24	-0.13	4.83
UK Capital (Inc)	163.60	175.00	-1.30	1.00
UK Spec Sits	82.43	88.16	-0.12	0.65
US & General	127.60	135.90	-1.30	
Wwde Spec Sits	154.50	165.30	-0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.16	48.42	-0.46	2.44
Cash Trust	135.38	135.38†	+0.01	4.38
Practical Inv Inc #	111.15	118.88	-0.50	3.49
(Accum Units) #	252.72	270.29	-1.14	3.49
UK Index	140.94	143.94	-1.39	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	118.10	126.31†	-0.13	1.26
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.87	25.53†		9.60
High Income	31.98	34.20†	-0.27	5.32
UK Equity Income	131.23	140.35†	-1.28	3.63
Global Bond	27.03	28.03	+0.04	5.32
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	56.66	60.60	-0.19	
Global Inc & Gth	127.76	136.01†	-0.95	1.98
Gold & Intl Res	113.95	121.87	-3.17	
Global Utilities	130.33	139.63	-1.26	1.09
Overseas Funds				
American	133.05	141.93	-1.45	0.99
European	95.46	101.18	-0.94	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	136.77	145.44	-1.13	
Amer Emerging	93.04	99.51	-0.77	
Hong Kong	135.84	145.69	-5.93	1.48
Japan	245.58	259.94	-1.26	
Pacific Growth	222.36	237.92	-5.44	1.31
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	206.40	206.40†	-1.98	2.11
Long Term Bal	224.30	224.30†	-1.70	2.66
Med Term Bal	189.30	189.30†	-0.79	3.41
UK Equity	229.95	229.95†	-2.30	2.64
UK Emerging Cos	137.62	137.62	-0.18	2.22
American	214.75	214.75	-1.83	1.52
Japan	128.24	128.24	-0.54	
European	246.97	246.97	-1.85	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	163.32	163.32	-0.08	2.35
Fixed Interest	151.76	151.76†	-0.10	6.77
Amer Emerging	236.79	236.79	-7.62	
Pacific	241.33	241.33	-5.32	0.60
Emerging Mkts	164.16	164.16	-2.12	0.12
Index Strat Japan	154.05	154.05		0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	194.38	194.38		0.98
-do- Cont Europe	143.34	143.34		1.91
Index Strat USA	125.41	125.41		2.45
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Fund	97.38	103.59	-1.00	
Med Term Bal	89.91	95.65	-0.69	
Long Term Bal	100.87	107.31	-0.81	
UK Equity	105.20	112.98	-1.08	
UK Emerging Cos	64.49	68.61	-0.09	
American	99.57	105.93	-0.90	
Japan	61.58	65.51	-0.43	
European	102.90	109.47	-0.82	
Fixed Interest	76.44	81.32	-0.05	
Index Linked Gilt	72.41	77.03	+0.04	
Deposit	79.19	84.25	-0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inc Grth	121.84	128.25	-0.75	
Berkeley Income	110.54	116.36	-0.58	2.19
Brwn Intl	136.48	143.66	-0.47	0.55
Bredll Gth Port Inc	59.27	62.55	-0.15	1.35
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.14	58.19†	-0.02	3.40
-do- Wrlde Port	52.35	55.25	-0.21	0.56
Shaw Utilities	57.30	60.48†	-0.76	2.55
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
Intl Inc	538.87	564.75		1.27
(Accum Units)	582.31	619.48		1.27
European Inc	140.12	149.06	-6.55	2.92
Arbitrage Inc	144.07	152.55	-0.42	
N America Inc	319.85	340.27		
Far East Inc	363.12	386.30		
(Accum Units)	376.08	400.09		
UK Dwld Inc	172.56	183.57		1.30
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7868				
UK Equity Inc	86.90	91.44	-0.61	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.10	48.23	-0.16	0.92
Brittan Growth	51.73	54.69	-0.64	2.48
American Gwth	160.04	171.16	-1.28	
Japan Gwth	77.72	82.12	-0.66	
Greater China	136.19	139.92	-1.39	
Pacific Strategy	168.16	179.85	-2.29	
European Gwth	82.49	88.22	-0.38	0.12
Intl Growth	142.96	152.92	-1.13	
US Index (C)	12.59	13.37	-0.26	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Inc	72.24	77.36	-0.46	2.22
Monthly Income	37.99	40.54†	-0.03	10.00
MG Unit Trust Dealing: 071 665 0133				
Grd UK Index (C)	10.11	10.65	+0.19	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 1212				
Small Co	89.74	94.40		1.24
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
071 538 9568				
Cash	137.09	137.09†		3.00
European	467.90	499.70	-2.40	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	12.03	13.70	-0.10	5.03
Growth Equity	219.10	240.50†	-1.90	1.56
Income Trust	125.80	134.30	-1.80	3.08
International	176.30	192.30	-3.70	
Japan Trust	131.30	140.20	-0.50	
Nth American	234.90	251.60†	-2.70	0.25
Pacific	552.30	559.70†	-13.00	
Guardian	471.70	503.90	-3.40	1.97
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	98.66	102.39	-0.20	7.33
Global High Inc	97.70	101.41†	-0.19	8.61
Prem Fixed Inv	59.84	102.63	-0.24	8.61

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Eqty & Bond Inc	99.13	105.41†	-0.06	5.11
European Growth	99.99	106.31	-0.03	
Intl PEP Trust	58.57	62.27	-0.26	
High Income	116.86	124.25†	-1.12	4.18
-do- Accum	159.86	169.95	-0.19	4.18
Recovery	358.40	381.10†	+0.80	7.84
(Accum Units)	411.40	437.40	+1.70	1.64
St Vinc High Inc	124.33	126.19	+0.21	0.92
Temp Bar Emer Co	238.40	253.50†	-0.20	1.48
Temp Bar Sm Co Inc	355.60	361.80		2.04
Glob Pen Tst	91.92	97.73†	+0.19	1.47
(Accum Units)	92.78	98.65	+0.20	1.47
Inc Share Tst	90.62	96.35	+0.04	7.77
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Mixed Ptflio	195.80	202.70	-1.50	2.51
Smaller Cos	32.29	34.35	-0.08	0.93
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0277 263 238 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	283.62	303.47	-1.97	1.41
Best of British	60.59	64.40†	-0.65	2.73
UK Smaller Cos	120.53	128.56	-0.86	1.25
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	263.60	280.61†	-5.78	3.25
(Accum Units)	787.55	753.50	-6.12	3.25
High Income #	306.92	328.09†	-1.77	4.10
Extra Income #	267.54	284.52	-1.81	5.87
Pref & Gilt	43.39	46.04†	-0.08	9.30
International				
International	264.55	281.68†	-4.18	0.25
Global Bond	51.05	54.30	+0.13	8.23
Family of Funds	80.46	86.03	-0.30	0.11
Global Tech	149.76	160.18†	-1.02	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	183.60	196.34	-4.01	
European	453.96	481.63†	-4.16	0.50
European Income	78.29	82.94	-0.49	2.63
Euro Smlr Cos	144.80	155.37†	-0.57	0.06
Eur Sp Sits	68.31	72.67†	-0.49	0.16
(Accum Units)	73.17	77.84	-0.53	0.16
Japan Trust	221.13	235.28	-1.15	
Japan Special Sits	250.26	266.61	-1.94	
Pacific Smlr Cos	274.30	291.80	-5.65	
North American	225.56	239.81	-1.94	0.36
American Smaller	98.31	105.09†	-1.05	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.41	55.55	-0.48	
Eur Sp Sits	59.01	62.55	-0.42	
General Growth	41.23	43.70	-0.41	
Global Tech	58.58	62.09	-0.40	
Income Growth	40.57	43.00	-0.27	
Japan Growth	27.07	28.69	-0.14	
Smaller Cos	21.50	22.79		
Special Opps	28.58	30.29	-0.14	
Wwide Sp Sits	48.23	51.12	-0.77	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
081 686 4355				
British	94.04	100.50†	-0.90	1.81
Capital	166.20	177.70	-1.90	1.49
Dollar	324.70	347.20†	-4.60	
Enterprise Gth	315.40	337.30	-2.60	1.74
European	218.40	233.50	-2.00	
Far East	321.30	343.60	-8.40	0.15
Financial	780.50	834.70	-9.60	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.73	25.72†	+0.04	7.85
High Yield	101.10	108.10	-0.80	4.20
Income & Growth	135.10	144.40†	-1.40	3.56
International	247.30	264.40	-3.00	
Japanese General	210.50	225.10	-1.60	
Japan Tech	85.95	91.92	-0.77	
Natl Resources	74.45	78.62	-1.02	
Portfolio	69.71	74.55	-0.59	1.48
Smaller Cos	121.30	129.70†	-0.10	1.27
Special Sits	143.78	153.60	-1.20	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	86.78	92.61	-0.03	0.54
US Smaller Cos	77.45	82.83	-0.48	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.25	100.50†	-0.20	6.25
Capital	557.30	594.80†	-6.80	2.13
Income #	538.70	574.90	-5.70	4.24
Footsie Fund	51.42	54.38	-0.58	2.65
Trust Index	108.20	115.50	+1.40	1.95
UK Index	133.90	142.90	-1.40	3.04
International Funds				
American Growth	456.40	486.00	-5.0	0.62
American Index	187.80	200.30	-1.60	1.29
Europe Growth	108.70	115.70	-0.80	
Eurotrack 100	149.50	159.00	-1.80	0.88
Global Bond	20.38	21.52	+0.04	7.01
Japan Growth	286.70	305.80†	-2.90	
Japan Index	81.00	86.45	-0.53	0.09
Japan Smlr Cos	36.06	38.48	-0.51	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	56.90	60.73	-1.92	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	100.30	106.90	-4.30	0.94
Spore & Mlysa Gth	77.67	82.89	-0.53	
Tiger Index	204.20	217.90	-4.30	0.23
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.67	29.75	+0.02	1.09



Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Funds				
Managed	68.54	72.18†	-1.04	2.52
Russell Child Fnc	60.94	64.01	-0.66	2.41
UK Growth	56.89	59.05†	-0.56	2.37
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.47	50.47		4.38
Cashbox (Acc)	58.62	58.62		4.38
UK Extra Inc	82.27	85.39	-0.59	5.39
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.67	26.46	+0.01	7.80
UK Inc & Gwth	38.68	40.14†	-0.30	3.99
UK Income	323.50	335.70	-3.70	3.69
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.08	48.76	-0.52	0.28
Amer Smllr Cos	106.00	110.00	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	107.10	111.10	-0.60	
Europe Gth	146.70	151.90	-1.40	
(Accum Units)	151.70	157.10	-1.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	37.40	38.44†	-0.17	
French Growth	75.09	77.94	-0.44	
Accum Units	80.45	93.50	-0.47	
H Kong & China	81.35	84.44	-3.80	1.74
Intl Growth	56.16	58.29†	-0.55	0.63
(Accum Units)	56.62	58.71	-0.59	0.63
Japan Gth	35.42	36.76	-0.41	
Accum Units	35.42	36.78	-0.41	
Japan Smaller Cos	43.35	45.62	-3.39	
Glob Emg Mkts	110.70	114.90	-2.00	
Accum Units	111.50	115.70	-2.10	
SE Asia	329.20	341.70	-9.50	0.24
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.95	52.49†	-0.05	5.75
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	130.90	139.10	+1.70	
Income	143.18	152.32	-0.88	3.93
UK Growth	52.38	55.72	-0.34	0.96
International	80.92	86.07	-0.14	0.26
Ecology	76.45	81.32†	-0.25	1.32
European	115.65	122.62	-0.40	
Far Eastern	324.50	345.20	-9.70	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.31	51.39	-0.68	7.47
Gilt Yield	112.90	119.20		6.96
Global Income	207.70	221.00†	-2.44	4.12
High Yield	133.30	141.80†	-1.91	6.21
(Accum Units)	389.60	425.10†	-5.74	6.21
Smlr Cos Div	50.51	53.73†	+0.02	2.85
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	86.64	92.17	-0.77	
North American	70.58	75.09	-0.60	0.29
European Special	92.72	98.64	-0.98	0.15
European	145.70	155.00	-1.70	0.39
(Accum Units)	191.30	203.50	-2.20	0.33
General	262.00	278.70	-3.10	3.23
Japan	425.80	453.00	-2.90	
Japanese Special	247.30	263.10	-3.90	
Master Accum	235.30	250.30	-0.50	0.55
Pacific	339.90	361.50†	-6.70	
(Accum Units)	358.60	424.00†	-8.00	
Smaller Cos	107.30	114.70†	-0.40	0.60
UK Equity Growth	38.66	41.13	-0.24	1.64
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	60.83	64.71	-0.52	
Inv Trust	66.23	70.42	-0.50	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.92	60.56	-0.27	0.80
High Inc Acc	53.73	57.15	-0.17	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 588 2800				
Income	572.70	584.40	-4.10	5.75
Intl & General	411.70	420.10	-1.30	
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	251.49	267.54†	-2.07	5.61
Inc & Growth Inc	55.29	58.82	-0.44	4.47
Smaller Cos	54.86	58.34†	-0.18	1.41
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	237.20	252.30†	-1.20	2.16
High Income	105.50	112.20	-1.00	4.30
International	99.83	106.20	-0.90	0.57
Recovery Trust	62.29	66.27†	-0.39	1.53
European Trust	79.25	84.31	-0.60	1.03
Japanese Trust	44.24	47.06	-0.25	
American Trust	93.26	98.57	-0.76	
Managed	66.07	70.29	-0.39	0.54
Cash	50.97	50.97		3.98
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 374 0916				
UK Cap	350.90	356.60	-2.70	2.52
UK Inc Gth	375.50	381.50	-3.50	3.23
UK Income	352.50	356.89†	-3.10	4.30
UK Sml Cos	232.10	240.90	+0.40	1.91
Euro Gwth	121.60	122.70	-0.50	
N Amer Gwth	75.45	76.13†	-0.53	0.12
Japan Growth	68.38	68.99	-1.25	
Money Mkt	121.24	121.24		2.270
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	455.10	484.20†	-4.70	2.63
(Accum Units)	895.40	952.50†	-9.30	2.63
Equity Income	95.79	101.90	-0.80	4.01
UK Tactical Alloctn	54.29	57.65	-0.77	3.98
European	116.60	117.70	-1.00	0.99
Far Eastern	237.60	252.80	-5.30	

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fixed Interest	49.32	52.47	-0.02	6.98
Gilt	85.71	90.69†	-0.01	7.05
Global Growth	77.30	82.23†	-1.12	0.10
Intl Bond	49.81	52.81		5.01
Japanese	77.85	82.82†	-0.64	
North American	141.00	150.00	-1.20	0.02
Pacific Growth	116.40	123.88	-3.60	
UK Index	60.13	63.48†	-0.63	3.14
UK Recovery	88.83	94.50†	-0.44	1.71
UK Smaller Cos	118.90	126.50	-0.40	1.51
US Index	56.46	59.58	-0.49	1.78
European Index	70.69	74.61	-0.82	1.65
Japan Index	42.34	44.58	-0.12	
Worldwide	82.51	87.78†	-0.75	1.39
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 631				
Growth	48.98	52.08	-0.37	1.97
Income	58.51	62.24	-0.33	2.78
Far East	55.02	58.84	-0.63	
North American	87.51	93.50	-0.74	
Global	91.08	96.90	-1.25	0.21
European	83.44	88.77	-0.75	0.36
Japan	112.29	120.00†	-0.40	
Intl Currency Bd	56.52	58.90†	+0.07	4.31
SE Asia	107.40	114.90	-2.90	
UK Cap Growth	90.40	96.17†	-0.23	1.31
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	330.40	351.50†	-1.80	2.69
-do- Acc	751.40	799.40	-4.10	2.69
Cont Euro Gth	80.81	84.12†	-0.22	0.89
-do- Acc	65.09	68.52	-0.23	0.89
Extra Inc	244.40	260.00†	-1.20	4.32
-do- Acc	833.10	873.60	-3.90	4.32
German Gth	120.50	126.90†	-0.90	0.21
-do- Acc	126.40	133.10	-0.90	0.21
Growth Port	539.50	583.40	+5.50	0.10
-do- Acc	538.40	572.80	+5.80	0.10
Income	472.70	502.90†	+4.20	3.80
-do- Acc	£12.89	£13.50	+10.00	3.80
Income Port	499.40	531.30†	-5.50	4.04
-do- Acc	524.90	558.50	-5.70	4.04
Japan Growth	107.30	114.20	-0.40	
-do- Acc	107.70	114.60	-0.40	
Mosaic Trust	55.73	59.29	-1.82	1.44
-do- Acc	62.21	66.19	-2.14	1.44
N American Gen	172.50	183.80	-1.70	
-do- Acc	199.30	212.10	-1.90	
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.70	141.20	-1.20	
-do- Acc	135.50	144.20	-1.20	
Pacific Basin	257.40	273.90	-8.10	0.53
-do- Acc	273.10	290.80	-8.50	0.53
Small Cos Rec	344.60	363.00†		2.02
-do- Acc	461.70	485.40		2.02
UK Growth	82.19	87.44	-0.43	2.52
-do- Acc	98.77	105.10	-0.50	2.52
Worldwide Gth	308.90	328.70	-3.20	0.33
-do- Acc	455.60	484.70	-4.80	0.33
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
0392 282 673				
American	82.20	86.74	-0.58	0.10
General	83.23	89.30†	-0.80	2.30
Income	63.86	68.51	-0.32	5.40
International	62.76	67.34	-0.55	0.40
Japan	59.26	63.60	-0.28	
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.58	72.50†	-0.36	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	375.60	397.20	-4.10	0.71
(Accum Units)	466.20	493.00	-5.30	0.71
Amer Recovery	430.80	455.60†	-4.30	0.53
(Accum Units)	494.30	522.80	-5.00	0.53
Amer Smllr Cos	126.40	133.70	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	129.10	136.60	-1.10	
Australasian	160.20	169.40	-1.80	2.03
(Accum Units)	194.20	205.30	-2.20	2.03
Capital	800.40	846.40	-2.90	2.57
(Accum Units)	909.40	961.50	-3.40	2.57
Charifund	669.70	676.40†	-4.00	5.66
(Accum Units)	£30.94	£31.25	-18.60	5.66
Commodity	394.30	417.00	-6.70	0.53
(Accum Units)	576.18	611.30	-9.90	0.53
Compound Gth	891.50	942.80†	-15.00	2.96
(Accum Units)	934.50	988.20	-15.80	2.96
Dividend	38.60	40.80†	-0.30	4.52
(Accum Units)	161.90	171.30	-1.30	4.52
Equity Income	337.80	357.20	-1.80	4.93
(Accum Units)	429.90	454.60	-2.30	4.93
Euro & General	493.30	521.70	+1.40	1.00
(Accum Units)	632.80	656.80	+1.70	1.00
Euro Dividend	67.40	71.30		3.72
(Accum Units)	80.40	85.00		3.72
Extra Yield	401.60	424.70	-3.40	4.78
(Accum Units)	£12.46	£13.18	-10.60	4.78
Far Eastern	360.30	381.00	-8.30	0.62
(Accum Units)	477.40	504.70	-11.10	0.62
Fund of Inv Tsts	585.50	623.70†	-3.80	1.82
(Accum Units)	£11.12	£11.78	-7.10	1.82
General	59.80	63.20	-0.40	3.73
(Accum Units)	164.90	174.30	-1.30	3.73
Gilt Income	58.12	58.22†	+0.02	8.18
(Accum Units)	159.36	159.66	+0.07	8.18
Gold	69.80	73.80	-1.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	82.30	87.10	-1.80	0.75
High Income	28.00	29.60	-0.20	4.64
(Accum Units)	110.20	116.70	-0.80	4.64
Intl Growth	75.80	80.20	-1.00	1.06
(Accum Units)	132.00	139.70	-1.80	1.06
International Inc	95.30	100.80†	-0.70	4.59
(Accum Units)	141.40	149.60	-1.00	4.59
Japan & Gen	49.50	52.30†	-0.38	..
(Accum Units)	53.10	56.10	-0.30	
Japan Smllr Cos	169.70	179.50†	-1.40	...
(Accum Units)	170.90	180.70	-1.50	
Managed Income	26.80	28.10	-0.20	4.01
Midland	61.00	64.59†	-0.10	3.09
(Accum Units)	203.80	215.50	-0.30	3.09
Pension Ex	901.00	923.60†	-5.80	4.35
Recovery	40.80	43.10	-0.10	2.63
(Accum Units)	66.30	70.10	-0.20	2.63
Second General	69.70	73.70	-0.50	3.44
(Accum Units)	177.80	188.00	-1.30	3.44
Smaller Cos	66.30	70.10		3.13
(Accum Units)	130.20	137.70		3.13
Sterling Hi Int	23.83	23.93	+0.03	8.75
Treasury	24.95	25.00†		5.31
Trustee	40.40	42.70†	-0.40	4.52
(Accum Units)	163.00	172.30	-1.70	4.52
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	77.94	82.91†	-0.66	0.84
Intl Bond	59.99	63.08†	+0.29	8.32
Intl Equity Growth	68.60	72.96†	-0.73	0.57
N Amer Growth	83.87	89.60	-0.64	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.65	21.96	-0.05	1.85
UK Growth	358.00	380.80†	-2.78	2.80
(Accum Units)	467.20	497.00	-3.50	2.80
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.67	£12.91†		3.23
Income #	962.40	978.20		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.10	139.00		4.48
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.70	204.00	-1.30	2.51
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.20	174.00		6.85
Intl Growth	203.60	218.70	-1.60	0.24
North American	174.30	185.80	-1.20	0.45
Far East	274.10	292.20	-7.00	0.98
UK Smaller Cos	168.30	180.00	-0.10	2.07
European	79.83	84.12	-0.49	0.18
Japanese Growth	49.25	52.35	-0.25	
High Income	181.50	194.10	-1.80	4.58
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	146.00	155.20	-0.83	2.11
-do- Accum	166.20	176.80	-0.83	2.11
UK Sel Ptflio	125.90	132.80	-0.69	2.33
-do- Accum	144.70	153.90	-0.89	2.33
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	61.91	65.86		4.15
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 479 4648				
Intl Income	69.98	74.23	-0.55	4.57
European	78.14	82.96	+0.25	0.33
Income #	71.26	75.67†	-0.63	5.65
Nth American	57.90	61.46	-1.13	0.68
Far East	170.40	180.90	-2.80	
Japan	57.30	60.83	-0.64	
Emrgng Mkts	112.40	120.20	-2.10	
Intl Growth	107.10	113.70†	-1.40	0.39
UK Growth	84.99	90.22†	-0.09	0.82
UK Smlr Co	45.32	48.11†	+0.04	0.60
Asian Opps Fd	39.27	42.00	-1.67	0.13
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Income	398.33	421.93	-4.50	4.23
Global Inc	63.67	67.73	-0.70	3.05
Bnl Leaders	325.48	346.25	-3.79	2.58
Intl Leaders	192.65	204.95	-0.52	0.80
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.98	66.43	-0.15	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	194.30	206.20†	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	207.60	220.30†	-0.70	
American Opps	86.40	92.16†	-0.45	
(Accum Units)	87.48	93.31†	-0.45	
British Blue Chip	76.81	81.87†	-0.48	2.98
(Accum Units)	94.71	100.70†	-0.50	2.98
Cash	100.40	100.40		5.86
(Accum Units)*	136.60	136.60	+0.10	5.06
Emerging Mkts	120.00	129.00	-2.40	0.11
(Accum Units)	120.10	129.10	-2.50	0.11
European Growth	240.50	254.90	-1.00	0.18
(Accum Units)	256.30	274.60	-1.20	0.18
European Income	80.26	84.85	-0.08	3.38
(Accum Units)	106.90	112.80	-0.10	3.38
General	483.70	515.70	-2.70	2.40
(Accum Units)	943.00	1006	-5.00	2.40
Global Bond	117.20	123.20	+0.30	5.61
(Accum Units)	141.30	148.40	+0.30	5.61
Gold & General	225.60	242.60	-6.40	0.37
(Accum Units)	231.60	249.00	-6.60	0.37
Govt Securities	89.19	91.96	-0.02	6.18
(Accum Units)	169.40	174.60	-0.10	6.18
Income	147.00	156.40†	-1.10	4.44
(Accum Units)	227.70	242.30†	-1.70	4.44
Inc Portfolio #	94.58	100.30	-0.40	5.18
(Accum Units) #	94.58	100.30	-0.40	5.18
Intl Opps	451.10	480.30	-3.40	0.34
(Accum Units)	601.60	640.70	-4.50	0.34
Japan	188.40	199.80	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	193.40	205.00	-1.30	

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
New Europe	174.70	186.30	-0.80	0.75
(Accum Units)	178.70	190.60	-0.90	0.75
Pacific	125.40	133.80	-3.90	0.78
(Accum Units)	134.20	143.10	-4.40	0.76
Recovery	289.30	308.50†	-0.90	0.84
(Accum Units)	369.20	393.80†	-1.10	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	56.26	59.97	-0.07	0.87
(Accum Units)	62.49	66.66	-0.09	0.87
Portfolio	77.77	82.67	-0.65	2.79
(Accum Units)	91.31	97.07	-0.64	2.79
Managed Gth	97.42	103.00	-0.60	1.05
Managed Inc	95.52	102.30	-0.30	4.40
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
0707 662 233				
Ecogrowth Plus	111.85	119.19	-0.82	0.90
Portfolio	65.45	69.63	-0.49	0.07
UK Income Inc	73.74	78.45	-0.54	4.76
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 125				
Balanced	58.18	62.22	+0.01	2.91
(Accum Units)	61.22	65.47	+0.01	2.91
British Tst	80.54	86.14	-0.67	1.94
(Accum Units)	92.77	99.02	-1.08	1.94
Extra High Inc	65.47	70.02	-0.26	6.65
(Accum Units)	124.80	133.40	-0.60	6.65
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.78	54.93	-0.58	2.51
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.77	54.93	-0.58	2.51
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.12	55.28	-0.09	7.07
(Accum Units)	151.60	157.70	-0.20	7.07
High Yield	210.80	225.50†	-1.20	5.63
(Accum Units)	526.60	563.70†	-3.30	5.63
Income	276.60	296.00	-2.50	3.64
(Accum Units)	602.20	644.00	-5.40	3.64
Money Market UT	49.56	49.57†	+0.01	4.67
(Accum Units)	77.09	77.11†	+0.22	4.67
Monthly Income	81.79	87.48†	-0.54	6.34
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.54	102.70	-1.20	1.91
European Growth	104.40	110.70	-0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.23	87.34	-0.08	6.35
Income	81.64	86.85	-0.75	2.94
Japan Growth	54.81	58.10	-0.61	
Managed	66.29	70.52	-0.40	2.49
Money Market	86.06	91.25	+0.26	4.49
North American	85.61	90.11		0.50
Midland FS/ACS Unit Trust				
British	87.66	93.28	-1.06	1.89
European Growth	95.27	104.20	-0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.40	83.21	-0.08	6.32
Income	80.19	85.31	-0.74	3.01
Japan Growth	54.68	57.98	-0.60	
Managed	63.41	67.46	-0.38	2.46
Money Market	79.57	84.58	+0.24	4.39
North American	77.51	82.17		0.50
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.70	93.30	-1.07	1.86
European Growth	95.95	101.70	-0.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.99	76.41	-0.06	6.48
Income	79.32	84.38	-0.73	3.93
Japan Growth	55.96	59.32	-0.62	
Managed	66.27	70.50	-0.48	2.46
Money Market	74.39	78.77	+0.22	4.42
North American	85.76	90.93		0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.46	13.25	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	317.50	337.10	-4.90	...
European Gth Inc	433.50	463.70	-1.00	0.28
(Accum Units)	438.20	468.70	-1.00	0.28
Intl Gwth	192.30	205.00	-1.40	
UK Equity Inc	178.00	187.70	-1.10	3.13
UK Intl Trckr Inc	153.98	164.70†	-1.10	2.73
(Accum Units)	180.70	193.40†	-1.30	2.73
US Eq Ind Tck Inc	186.70	198.10	-1.50	1.56
Japan Tracker	77.27	81.65	-0.22	
Asian Trader	209.30	226.10	-6.20	0.28
Managed Inc	151.40	161.60	-0.90	1.46
Deposit Inc	93.90	93.90†	+0.01	3.89
Europa	174.70	187.90†	-1.00	0.28
Generis	148.80	163.20	+0.20	2.23
High Income	21.72	23.05†		
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	91.55	93.70†	-0.52	2.32
Acumen Inc	88.65	88.68†	-0.50	2.32
Acumen Reserve	81.79	82.00†	+0.19	8.19
-do- Inc	70.85	71.56†	+0.17	8.19
American Growth #	157.00	161.60	-1.40	0.56
Cash Income	49.59	49.59†		4.65
Equity Income #	92.33	94.79	-0.67	4.86
European	69.06	70.49	-0.33	
Smaller Cos	78.16	79.79†	+0.03	1.18
Olympiad	66.64	68.25	-0.63	0.18
Global Bond	41.76	42.23†	+0.14	6.80
UK Growth	89.13	91.57	-0.36	1.77
Pacific Growth	109.60	113.60	-3.10	
Japan Growth	95.76	97.29	-1.58	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	117.42	124.91	-1.33	2.88
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.70	76.26	-0.77	2.09
UK Income	102.70	109.30†	-2.30	4.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	67.89	†		
Higher Income	211.60	225.20	-1.40	4.91
Smaller Cos	79.59	84.68	+0.01	2.07
International	92.62	98.75†	-1.03	1.73
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
071 623 4200				
American Dist	99.47	108.39	-0.78	0.68
European Dist	105.00	112.30†	-1.10	0.40
Far East Dist	184.10	195.50	-3.60	
Global Cap Dist	66.29	70.90	-0.33	1.25
Oseas Dist	994.10	£10.63	-14.10	0.12
(Accum Units)	£12.90	£13.79	-16.30	0.12
UK Dist	330.10	353.00†	-3.20	2.68
(Accum Units)	649.00	693.80	-6.40	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	74.76	79.96	-0.48	4.08
Wwide Dist	102.90	110.00†	-1.50	
Wwide Inc Dist	67.99	72.65†	-0.64	2.59
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 0277 690 980 Admin Enq: 0277 690 388				
Europe Inc	62.40	65.86	-0.38	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	57.18	60.35	-0.41	0.88
North America Inc	47.30	49.92	-0.45	0.62
UK Equity Gth Inc	56.74	59.88†	-0.34	2.09
(Accum Units)	58.90	62.16	-0.35	2.09
UK General Inc	53.14	56.20†	-0.44	2.58
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.58	47.99†	+0.01	7.31
UK Income Inc	55.32	58.39†	-0.44	3.66
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry telephone 0500 33 00 60				
Income	223.26	237.52†	+0.04	3.52
Global	335.75	357.19	-1.88	0.15
General	183.13	194.82	-0.38	1.80
Bond	113.24	120.19	+0.20	6.32
Growth	120.02	127.69†		2.47
Intl	116.38	121.21		1.93
Bridge Fund	85.72	91.20		2.16
Distributor	88.87	94.55	+0.19	3.29
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
0603 682 234				
Master Trust	118.81	126.37	-0.98	1.82
UK Equity	138.08	141.57	-1.49	2.08
UK Equity Income	125.72	133.74†	-1.36	3.40
UK Smaller Cos	113.74	121.00	-0.23	1.59
UK Equity Growth	124.24	132.17	-1.18	2.23
UK Index Trckg	135.89	144.56	-0.34	3.47
Intl Index Trckg	139.23	148.12	-1.27	1.12
International	227.34	241.85†	-2.50	0.35
European	187.80	199.79	-1.38	0.23
Pan European	125.88	133.92†	-1.12	1.26
Nth American	157.42	167.47†	-1.17	0.45
N Amer Smlr Cos	175.56	186.77	-0.85	
Japanese	96.89	103.07	-0.64	
Pacific	238.44	253.66	-5.06	
South East Asian	264.83	280.88†	-7.57	0.26
Intl Bond	125.32	133.22	+0.85	4.41
Gilt & Convertible	101.74	108.14	-0.05	6.36
Property	84.62	90.02	-0.02	4.74
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	234.70	249.60	-1.60	2.53
(Accum Units)	489.99	520.10	-3.40	2.53
Growth	150.40	158.20	-1.80	2.61
Income	230.00	244.60†	-1.70	3.74
Intl Equity	243.80	259.10	-2.10	0.84
(Accum Units)	269.30	286.40	-2.30	0.84
UK Income	64.30	68.40	-0.47	3.14
UK Intl 25	76.90	81.80	-0.55	1.96
New Europe	76.69	81.58	+0.03	0.50
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	589.97	627.78†	-6.62	0.30
(Accum Units)	589.87	627.78	-6.62	0.30
Income	327.98	350.79†	-3.81	3.38
Wwide Recovery	367.47	393.02	-4.95	0.07
Amer Growth Inc	205.93	220.25	-2.67	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.93	220.25	-2.67	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	240.53	257.26	-5.26	0.16
Far Estn Gth Inc	286.04	305.93	-3.82	0.08
(Accum Units)	286.04	305.93	-3.82	0.08
Euro Gwth Inc	133.16	142.42	-1.69	0.82
(Accum Units)	133.16	142.42	-1.69	0.82
UK Growth Inc	84.51	90.39	-0.92	2.68
(Accum Units)	88.57	92.59	-0.94	2.68
High Income	90.99	97.32	-0.98	4.04
Jap Gwth Inc	229.99	244.81	-1.39	0.01
(Accum Units)	229.99	244.81	-1.39	0.01
PEP Growth	114.06	122.98	-1.55	0.91
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	130.35	139.42	-5.57	0.01
(Accum Units)	130.35	139.42	-5.57	0.01
Asian Smlr Co Inc	122.87	131.42†	-1.90	0.01
(Accum Units)	122.87	131.42	-1.90	0.01
Global Bond	52.57	55.38	-0.02	6.18
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.39	83.84	-0.28	1.19
(Accum Units)	81.43	87.10	-0.29	1.19
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
081 201 3827				
American	98.91	105.22	-0.45	
European	69.93	74.39	-0.69	...
Global	65.99	70.28	-0.97	...
Pacific	84.17	89.27	-0.56	...
UK Inc & Gth	63.13	67.16	+0.01	1.69
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	95.83	102.06	-0.28	0.95
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Portfolio	157.11	165.38	...	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.38	60.62	-0.22	2.52
Growth Income	60.91	64.56	-0.12	2.01
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	126.33	134.48	-1.19	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	87.83	93.44	-1.29	3.65
Conv & Gilt	110.50	117.50†	-0.40	8.21
European Income	70.21	74.69†	-0.37	2.92
Extra Income	149.30	159.60	-1.10	3.92
(Accum Units)	176.20	187.40	-1.30	3.92
Far East	410.70	436.90	-9.10	0.23
(Accum Units)	418.40	445.20	-9.20	0.23
Global Income	24.88	26.46	-0.12	4.68
High Income	111.70	118.80†	-0.90	3.61
(Accum Units)	132.50	141.00	-0.80	3.61
International	203.30	216.20	-1.70	0.50
(Accum Units)	209.50	222.80	-1.70	0.60
Pref & Fxd Int	40.81	43.41†	-0.90	7.59
Recovery	70.28	74.77	-0.42	2.49
Special Sits	102.10	108.60	-0.30	1.27
(Accum Units)	109.70	118.70	-0.30	1.27
Technology	348.50	370.70	-4.20	
UK Blue Chip	66.99	71.27	-0.49	2.91
(Accum Units)	74.31	79.05	-0.54	2.91
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0622 674 751				
General	51.69	54.99	-0.58	2.17
International	87.72	93.32	-0.86	0.38
Gilt	24.39	26.05†	-0.02	6.54
Income & Gwth	68.38	72.74†	-0.70	4.81
European	50.32	53.53	-0.50	0.45
American	51.23	54.50	-0.29	
Emerging Mkts	84.73	90.14	-1.45	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	28.65	29.84	-1.72	1.74
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.54	26.11	-0.00	7.15
Global PEP	38.32	40.77†	-0.47	1.20
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
0256 789 886				
European Inc	256.20	273.10	-3.10	...
(Accum Units)	271.10	281.00	-3.40	...
Japan Inc	111.80	119.40†	-0.40	...

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	104.58	112.40	-1.10	..
Worldwide Inc	159.70	171.70	-1.20	..
Hong Kong Inc	137.60	147.80	-6.60	0.60
Swiss Equities Inc	64.05	68.51	-0.82	..
Wwide Bond Inc	59.23	62.61	+0.16	5.42
Emrging Asia Inc	229.20	249.10	-4.90	..
(Accum Units)	230.60	260.10	-4.80	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	50.13†	+0.01	4.97
Thailand Inc	169.30	180.70	-4.30	0.20
Gold Trust Inc	78.52	84.81	-1.78	0.22
New Zealand Inc	85.61	91.52†	-1.92	1.54
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	82.64	87.49	-0.49	0.65
Latin Am Cap Inc	89.34	95.65	-1.16	0.01
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.66	60.62	-0.54	2.55
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Treasures	79.32	84.83	-0.38	...
Global Portfolio	72.29	77.32	-0.27	...
Global Opps	72.68	77.73	-0.39	...
Marsh Global Gth	68.02	78.01	-0.54	...
AAM Global Equity	53.31	56.50†	-0.41	...
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	85.33	91.93	-0.74	...
Temple Equity Inc	43.59	47.66	-0.32	3.02
Hadley Growth	72.08	76.48	-0.22	0.25
Intl Growth Inc	85.84	91.59†	+0.06	0.73
IFS Portfolio Inc	85.88	91.85	-0.03	...
St Jms Mis Inc Inc	46.51	47.94	+0.69	...
Premier Prtnrs Inc	68.25	72.99	-0.07	0.70
Roxburgh Stral Gth	73.02	78.15	-0.13	...
Tech Analysts	98.79	105.18	-0.70	...
Rosebery Growth	60.64	64.87	-0.62	...
International Stral	78.23	83.67	-0.28	...
UFC Ind-Act Gth	54.00	58.46	-0.23	...
Cowaddle Tresocl	51.55	55.72	-0.18	...
Penn Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		...
Lorne Intl Growth	44.24	46.57	+0.28	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	164.10	174.60	-0.60	1.80
European Gth	95.61	102.20		0.17
Income & Gth #	128.60	136.20	-0.50	3.17
Japan Gth	123.70	131.00	-0.80	...
Nth Amer Gth	112.00	119.10	-0.50	0.18
Overseas Gth	88.25	93.80	-0.88	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
061 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4466				
Managed Tst	35.55	38.02	-0.30	1.46
Cash Haven Inc	100.94	101.43†	+0.01	4.42
Cash Haven Acc	119.50	121.04†	+0.01	4.42
Dist Trust Inc	93.21	99.68†	-0.42	4.45
Dist Trust Acc	95.26	101.88†	-0.43	4.45
Global Growth	85.93	91.90	-0.74	1.27
Equity Inc	80.46	86.05†	-0.51	3.69
Equity	789.71	749.42†	-7.33	2.22
European	203.19	217.31†	-2.76	0.72
High Income	86.05	92.03	-0.51	4.98
Intl Gth	174.34	186.45	-1.86	1.27
Intl Sm Co	75.48	80.72	-0.79	0.48
Japanese	222.39	237.85	-0.71	
Nth Amer	151.73	162.02†	-1.34	1.77
Pacific Mkts	103.88	110.86	-2.86	0.22
Premier Inc	48.48	49.39†		4.89
Sm Cos	83.71	89.52†	-0.09	1.59
Spec Sits	104.83	112.11	-0.97	2.07
UK Growth	116.61	124.71	-1.19	2.15
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD				
0892 518 033				
British Life	291.10	308.70	-2.20	3.16
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
091 285 2555				
Managed	93.78	99.50		2.15
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	480.52	511.81	-5.09	0.35
FA America (Acc)	561.78	598.13	-5.84	0.35
FA UK Equity Inc	191.49	181.08†	-1.19	3.58
FA Japan	267.15	284.56	-0.98	...
FA Major UK Cos	92.44	98.53	-0.64	2.32
FA Smlr UK Cos	282.72	307.31	-1.11	1.33
FA European	310.59	329.92	-0.45	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	42.18	45.24	-0.26	...
FA Asia	50.55	54.24	-1.34	...
FA Jap Smlr Cos	52.29	55.92	-0.32	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.60	97.47	-0.63	...
UK Smlr Cos	81.14	85.40	-0.31	...
UK Income	91.62	96.43	-0.70	...
America	96.48	101.55	-0.89	...
Japanese	58.76	61.85	-0.21	...
European	99.17	104.38	-0.14	...
Gilt	84.75	89.20	+0.01	...
Deposit	82.45	86.79		...
Managed	96.12	101.18	-0.45	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.20	94.94	-0.63	...
UK Smaller Cos	79.31	83.48	-0.30	...
UK Income	89.41	94.11	-0.68	...
America	93.95	98.89	-0.87	...
Japanese	57.23	60.24	-0.21	...
European	96.63	101.71	-0.13	...
Gilt	83.86	88.27	...	...
Deposit	78.59	82.83	...	...
Managed	91.03	95.81	-0.44	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	73.28	78.05	...	0.24
Pacific Basin	82.68	88.20†	...	
High Inc Dist	126.20	134.90	...	5.27
Ryl Life Intl Crpy	56.59	60.62	...	4.33
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	66.12	70.53	...	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.61	67.86	...	
UK Emerging Cos	125.26	135.30	...	1.14
UK Index Trckg	159.80	170.20	...	3.25
European	124.90	134.40†	...	0.38
Managed	143.46	154.20	...	0.83
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0206 764 400				
American Growth	138.30	148.50	...	0.25
European Growth	108.00	114.20	...	0.61
Far East Growth	139.40	148.30	...	0.23
Japan Growth	138.40	147.20†	...	
Special Sits	188.10	200.10	...	1.49
UK Growth	74.75	79.52	...	2.35
Triton General	233.10	248.00†	...	0.58
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	172.80	182.90	-3.80	0.10
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	345.20	365.30	-3.80	0.14
(Accum Units)	530.20	564.20	-4.70	0.14
Growth Inc	130.40	138.60	-1.30	0.53
(Accum Units)	132.80	140.80	-1.30	0.53
International Inc	338.20	355.80	-3.00	0.34
(Accum Units)	461.90	487.90	-4.30	0.34
Nth Am & Intl Inc	312.10	330.30		0.80
UK Gen Prog Inc	220.00	232.80	-1.80	1.27
UK High Inc Inc	130.60	138.20	-1.10	3.85
SAMAIA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
071 330 8572				
American Gwth	60.26	64.10†	-0.80	...
Amer Smlr Cos	73.05	77.70†	-1.39	...
Asian Gwth	116.65	124.10	-2.43	0.75
European Gwth	65.17	69.27	-1.36	1.00
Global Bd	57.36	60.65	+0.09	5.69
Global Eq	63.23	67.26	-0.57	0.60
Japanese Eq	59.79	63.41†	-0.28	...
Japan Sm Cos	66.99	71.26	-0.39	...
UK Gen	52.38	55.72	-0.20	2.80
UK Gwth	57.23	60.98	-0.26	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	64.98	69.13†	-0.35	4.33
Amer Smlr Cos	105.59	113.90	-0.40	...
Asian Smaller Cos	48.07	51.14	-0.88	...
Capital Portfolio	125.70	133.70	-1.70	2.15
Capital	158.60	168.80	-1.30	0.64
Cash	125.00	125.00		4.87
China Dragon	61.40	65.32	-2.48	0.59
Commodity	132.40	140.80	-1.80	0.31
Eastern Discovery	103.90	110.50	-2.40	...
Emerging Mkts	43.40	46.17	-0.59	...
Energy Inds	119.60	127.20	-1.30	0.44
European Gwth	185.38	197.10†	+0.50	...
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.95	80.80	+0.18	2.01
Euro Smlr Cos	51.48	54.69†	+0.10	...
Extra Income #	90.20	91.63	-0.24	8.31
Financial Secs	193.00	205.30†	-2.49	1.05
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.98	50.22	+0.04	9.02
Gold & Exploration	84.72	90.13	-1.36	0.24
High Return #	220.19	234.10	-2.30	4.35
High Yield #	217.70	231.60	-2.20	4.05
Income #	116.60	123.40	-0.90	4.45
Intl Bond	159.70	165.60	+0.20	5.90
ITC	205.08	218.10†	-1.89	1.43
Japan Growth	179.70	191.20	-1.10	...
Japan Smaller	196.40	208.90	-1.90	...
Korea	81.27	86.46†	-0.45	...
Makelund	54.54	58.02	-0.38	0.30
Scotbits	291.50	310.10	-3.50	0.69
Scotshares #	277.60	295.30†	-2.90	2.36
Scotyields #	234.20	249.20	-2.50	3.79
Select Intl	138.90	147.80†	-1.30	0.48
Smaller Cos Inc #	243.40	259.00	-0.30	3.71
SE Asia	58.18	62.94	-1.40	...
Special Situation	119.70	127.30	-1.10	1.24
UK Equity #	237.20	252.30	-2.70	2.97
UK Growth	61.71	65.65	-0.54	1.42
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	46.08	49.02	-0.03	0.79
US Growth	140.50	149.50	-1.58	0.46
Univ Growth	138.00	146.80	-0.90	0.78
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cst: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	234.84	249.90†	-2.74	0.91
(Accum Units)	256.68	273.09	-3.00	0.91
European Gwth	71.61	76.22†	-1.09	0.98
Euro Smlr Cos	74.28	79.28	-0.55	0.13
Far Eastern Gth	99.76	106.43	-1.87	...
(Accum Units)	101.59	108.35	-1.91	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.69	52.40	-0.02	7.26
Global Bond #	48.22	49.83	-0.02	6.32
(Accum Units) #	51.66	53.36	-0.03	6.32
Global Emer Mkts	57.37	61.19†	-1.65	...
(Accum Units)	57.37	61.19	-1.65	...
Income #	339.59	361.52	-4.46	3.79
(Accum Units) #	510.58	271.26	-13.20	3.79
Japan Smlr Cos	501.84	535.29	-4.97	...
(Accum Units)	502.84	536.36	-4.98	...
Japan Enterprise	70.83	75.66†	-0.46	...
Pacific Gwth	134.48	143.44	-4.61	...
(Accum Units)	136.82	146.07	-4.78	...
Seoul	57.37	61.88†	-0.63	...
(Accum Units)	57.57	61.48	-0.63	...
Smaller Cos	204.06	217.66	-0.86	0.95
Tokyo	127.16	135.63	-0.88	...
(Accum Units)	128.46	137.03	-0.89	...
UK Enterprise	241.36	257.45	-2.11	1.94
(Accum Units)	287.20	306.35	-2.50	1.94
UK Equity	230.74	246.12	-2.48	2.85
(Accum Units)	443.59	473.18	-4.79	2.85
US Smaller Cos	149.59	159.56	-2.51	...
(Accum Units)	43.17	44.97	-0.74	0.47
World Fd	78.70	83.94	-0.77	1.92
(Accum Units)	84.79	90.44	-0.82	1.92
Institutional Funds				
European	228.42	237.80	-1.40	1.32
(Accum Units)	253.91	264.71	-1.55	1.32
Euro Smlr Cos	28.18	29.35†	-0.64	1.65
(Accum Units)	29.90	31.16	-0.68	1.65
Global Equity Inc	76.52	79.70†	-0.49	0.80
Japan Smlr Cos	40.21	41.88	-0.25	...
(Accum Units)	40.52	42.21	-0.25	...
Mngd Balanced	181.16	188.69†	-2.02	2.77
(Accum Units)	204.57	212.66	-2.28	2.77
Overseas Equity	187.82	195.64	-1.88	0.83
(Accum Units)	193.72	201.79	-1.73	0.83
Oseas Smlr Cos	123.13	128.26	-0.85	0.56
(Accum Units)	128.42	133.77	-0.86	0.56
Pacific	255.87	266.53	-7.08	1.03
(Accum Units)	272.45	283.82	-7.73	1.03
Recovery	210.04	218.79	-10.57	2.87
(Accum Units)	218.66	219.66	-11.90	2.87
UK Index	148.56	155.18†	-1.55	3.40
(Accum Units)	181.77	189.33	-1.35	3.40
UK Small Cos	110.86	114.86	-0.79	2.59
(Accum Units)	116.95	121.82	-0.81	2.59
US Smlr Cos	42.42	44.19†	-0.73	0.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.51	51.66	-0.07	2.85
Equity Trust	59.82	63.50	-0.11	2.60
Equity Strategy	67.81	72.22	-0.06	1.28
European Opps	85.39	90.98	+0.07	0.77
UK Smaller Cos	61.57	65.57	+0.19	1.33
Mortgage Inc	95.95	101.62	+0.01	6.11
Japanese	78.98	84.11	-0.49	...
Asia Pacific	127.70	136.00	-3.60	0.78
American	95.47	101.68	-0.94	0.60
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.65	30.65	...	5.187
UK General Inc	49.86	53.18	-0.35	2.84
(Accum Units)	64.02	68.29	-0.45	2.84
Intl Income	276.20	293.70†	-1.18	1.81
(Accum Units)	472.20	502.20†	-1.80	1.81
European	78.27	82.97	-0.29	1.47
Japan	79.05	74.22	-0.09	0.68
American	63.30	67.06†	-0.44	1.52
Far East	89.82	95.80	-1.91	0.76

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ethical Inc	29.26	31.30	-0.06	4.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.16	34.49†	-0.22	2.96
High Inc Acc	34.89	37.01	-0.23	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.02	42.68	-0.23	1.57
Wwide Tact	73.65	78.87†	-0.59	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	52.82	56.23	-0.22	1.51
Technology	105.48	112.44†	-0.79	1.50
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
031 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.80	384.50	-3.90	2.93
American	248.80	265.30	-2.00	0.42
Pacific	391.70	418.90	-7.60	0.55
European	527.80	564.50	-4.00	1.27
Worldwide	87.79	93.36	-1.16	0.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	263.80	282.80	-3.00	2.20
(Accum Units)	320.30	343.30	-3.00	2.20
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	191.30	203.60	-0.10	1.80
(Accum Units)	227.70	242.30	-0.10	1.80
Select Gwth Inc	64.69	69.19	-0.60	2.65
Income Plus Inc	69.06	73.49	-1.02	4.86
European Inc	335.50	354.78†	-3.40	0.68
(Accum Units)	378.60	400.98†	-3.40	0.68
Far Eastern Inc	170.30	189.70†	-5.30	0.76
(Accum Units)	202.90	215.98†	-5.90	0.76
Japanese Inc	63.72	67.76†	-0.23	..
Nth American Inc	231.10	245.98†	-2.50	0.54
(Accum Units)	254.50	270.88†	-2.50	0.54
Intl Growth Inc	199.80	212.60	-2.40	0.77
Wwide Vsnary Inc	79.69	84.05	-1.14	0.72
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	353.30	376.00	-0.40	2.74
(Accum Units)	518.20	552.70	-0.58	2.74
UK High Inc	177.40	189.20	-2.10	3.67
(Accum Units)	256.10	273.10	-3.70	3.67
Europe Inc	357.70	381.50	+0.80	0.25
Nth Amer Inc	211.90	226.00	-1.90	0.50
Global Inc	201.40	214.80	-1.10	0.17
UK Spec Sits Inc	94.90	101.20	-0.90	2.88
South East Asia	231.40	246.80	-5.70	0.43
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80		4.91
UK Smlr Cos Inc	100.10	106.80	+0.10	2.01
(Accum Units)	101.70	108.50	+0.10	2.01
Intl Bond Inc	87.40	92.79	+0.30	6.48
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	142.10	149.30	-0.90	4.47
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	120.80	127.20	-0.50	1.98
Nth American	97.50	102.20	-1.30	0.47
Intl Bond & Cons	120.80	127.20†	+0.20	5.16
Pocket Pension (C)	194.00	197.80†		2.21
Smaller Cos	69.58	73.65†	-0.25	1.41
UK General	124.60	131.20†	-1.90	2.13
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
071 623 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	95.51	...	-0.90	0.0
Aztec‡	169.90	...	-1.80	0.0
European‡	128.10	...	-1.80	0.0
Global Bond‡	92.47	...	+0.09	7.74
Seasonal‡	85.85	...	-0.91	0.0
UK Growth‡	109.86	...	-1.18	2.72
Tai Pan‡	104.20	...	-1.70	0.0
UK Emerg Leaders‡	97.38	...	-0.05	1.47
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
071 637 5377				
American	287.26	303.90	-0.40	0.22
Canadian	69.71	73.76†	-0.15	0.69
Capital	124.20	133.10	-0.40	1.21
Cash	100.65	100.65	+0.08	4.81
European	131.70	138.38	+0.20	0.51
Far Eastern	168.90	178.70	-1.30	...
Growth	133.70	141.50	-0.30	1.02
Income	128.60	135.40	-0.30	5.60
Magnum	132.60	142.28	-0.30	1.19
Smlr Secs	374.90	396.60†	+0.20	0.81
Thoroughbred	154.09	163.20	-0.30	1.05
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0202 298 422				
Cash	49.95	50.18†	...	4.49
Cntnld Prtmnce	54.08	58.39	-0.13	7.38
Ethical	53.69	57.02	-0.18	3.00
European Growth	70.96	75.71	-0.58	2.70
Income	53.17	56.71†	-0.41	5.88
Intl Growth	95.72	102.10	-0.70	2.80
Managed	79.71	85.82	-0.71	3.20
UK Growth	59.78	63.74	-0.38	3.40
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	38.25	40.65	-0.10	1.61
Global Advtg Acc	40.76	43.23	-0.10	1.61
Income Advtg Inc	30.93	32.76	-0.10	3.65
Income Advtg Acc	33.79	35.82	-0.10	3.65
UK Equity Gth Acc	84.53	89.41	-0.30	1.15
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.89	52.92	-0.10	1.49
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	36.01	38.20†	-0.10	3.75
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	44.85	47.45	-0.10	3.75
UK Equity Gen Inc	60.82	64.63	-0.28	2.34
UK Equity Gen Acc	44.99	47.81	-0.18	2.34
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.72	31.43†	+0.10	8.84
Gwes Lug Co Acc	308.30	332.80	-1.39	1.45
Nth American Acc	42.75	45.43	-0.30	1.35
Far East Acc	70.55	74.90	-0.59	...
European Acc	51.45	54.67	...	0.74
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
071 944 7860				
Global A (US$)	3.782	3.966	...	0.54
US Eqty (US$)	2.361	2.528	...	0.69
Far East Eqty (yen)	238.19	252.50	...	...
Japan Equity (yen)	258.40	272.48	...	...
FT Europe	124.00	131.70†	...	1.51
FT N Amer (US$)	1.776	1.873	...	5.96
FT Japan (yen)	228.76	243.05	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.598	2.752†	...	1.48
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 226 3271				
American	345.45	369.10	-4.60	...
British #	873.80	£10.38	-5.80	4.22
Emerging Mkts	166.60	177.40	-3.18	...
European	508.60	542.30†	-4.50	3.96
Japan	155.50	169.00	-1.00	...
New Pacific	404.10	432.90	-4.90	3.71
(Accum Units)	425.90	456.20	-5.10	3.71
Inv Tsts Acc	255.60	272.10	-1.40	1.32
Mngd Equity	168.50	178.30	-1.50	1.41
Mngd Cash	98.62	98.62	+0.01	4.85
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399				
Equity	792.60	847.90	-7.68	3.32
North America	119.50	127.20	-1.20	0.88
Far East	151.30	161.60	-2.90	...
Wwide Bond	54.14	57.47†	+0.05	...
European	99.41	106.20†	-1.90	...
Equity Income	89.69	94.78	-0.53	...
Portfolio	82.96	88.73	-0.88	...
UK Leading Cos	58.28	62.00	-0.36	3.00
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	67.78	72.49	-0.26	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 929 725				
American Growth	32.71	34.99	-0.30	0.62
Managed Assets	125.24	133.95	-0.77	2.84
UK Income	39.50	42.08	-0.21	3.08
UK Growth	38.09	40.74	-0.25	2.44
Worldwide Growth	34.73	37.15†	-0.33	0.36
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.54	52.70	-0.11	...
Cap Protector Inc	40.72	43.56†	-0.28	2.80
UK Income Inc	50.01	53.49	-0.60	5.28
Mngd Eqty Inc Inc	32.06	34.28†	-0.27	3.73
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.18	82.55†	-0.70	4.29
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.83	77.89†	-0.77	3.19
UK Smaller Cos	33.76	36.11†	-0.09	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	47.89	51.22	-1.41	0.21
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0264 345 794				
American	199.31	209.86	-2.82	...
(Accum Units)	218.45	231.15	-2.89	...
Brit Growth	93.78	98.24	-0.76	2.84
(Accum Units)	112.85	119.42	-0.91	2.84
European	105.91	112.18	-0.82	0.28
(Accum Units)	112.83	119.18	-0.88	0.28
Extra Income	187.83	198.76	-1.72	4.25
(Accum Units)	318.72	337.27	-2.91	4.25
Smaller Cos	68.97	72.99	-0.19	1.49
(Accum Units)	77.38	81.87	-0.11	1.46
General	272.91	288.80	-2.18	2.35
(Accum Units)	557.19	589.62	-6.34	2.35
Premier Income	48.27	50.28†	-0.04	6.21
(Accum Units)	108.76	113.29†	-0.08	6.21
Income	331.85	351.14	-0.82	3.65
(Accum Units)	714.08	755.84	-0.85	3.65
Pacific	438.00	463.49	-8.53	...
(Accum Units)	480.23	487.01	-8.96	...
International	534.55	565.88†	-5.42	0.81
(Accum Units)	702.50	743.81†	-7.12	0.81
Nat Resources	163.10	172.58†	-3.23	...
Stctd Opps	102.49	108.46	-0.82	1.34
(Accum Units)	130.49	138.07	-1.05	1.34
Environmental Inv	60.94	64.48	-0.56	1.87
Selector	88.84	94.17†	-0.48	2.21
(Accum Units)	68.40	72.38†	-0.54	2.21
High Income	63.08	66.73	-0.48	4.81
(Accum Units)	78.45	83.21	-0.87	4.81
Inc Income	55.91	59.16	-0.15	5.92
(Accum Units)	68.73	72.73	-0.19	5.92
Selector Income	88.89	92.51†	-0.36	5.86
(Accum Units)	69.16	73.18†	-0.43	5.09
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
081 667 1018				
British	317.50	334.20	-3.26	2.65
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	200.09	214.60	...	1.67
Glob Balncd Inc	169.39	181.18†	...	2.83
Value Tst Inc	118.79	127.05	...	1.48
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Tst	39.31	41.28†	+0.07	0.30
European Growth	264.86	280.03	-2.95	0.00
Exempt	513.06	537.58†	-4.49	1.80
Global Em Mkts	102.98	109.21†	-1.67	0.80
Japan Tst	81.92	87.13	-0.24	
Ultra Dragon	91.77	97.88	-2.71	...
Nth Amer Bnkg	217.65	231.63	-7.63	0.70
Oriental Income	46.73	49.84†	-0.88	1.48
Preference	112.12	119.91†	-0.02	9.18
Tiger	387.50	397.89	-7.29	...
(Accum Units)	392.47	322.63	-7.66	...
UK Blue Chip	80.72	84.76	-0.74	3.19
UK Growth	468.72	528.04†	-3.92	2.31
UK High Yield	161.45	169.50†	-1.97	3.50
(Accum Units)	327.14	349.88†	-3.39	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	230.98	268.42†	-0.88	2.19
UK Smlr Cos	98.02	104.65	+0.14	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	92.71	99.15	+0.01	4.80
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	94.48	100.52	-1.09	3.81
UK Equity Growth	84.86	90.06	-0.82	2.84
European	67.54	71.85	-0.63	0.80
Nth American	85.44	89.82	-0.58	0.88
Far Eastern	71.46	76.02	-0.83	0.57
Money	66.72	66.72	+0.01	3.67
Fixed Interest	70.09	74.58	-0.01	6.45
Index Linked Gilt	64.36	68.58	+0.02	1.36
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	28.69	30.58	-0.73	...
Pacific Basin	44.58	47.48	-1.10	...
Can Balncd Gth	22.14	23.55	-0.24	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.89	-1.00	...
Penny Share	32.46	34.53	-0.14	4.3
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 600 0483				
Challenger	92.72	96.87†	-0.04	...
Short Dtd Gilt	109.90	111.09	+0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73†	+0.00	0.8
Gilt Income	48.27	51.27	-0.02	7.28
Gilt Growth	69.72	71.52	-0.08	...
City Reserve	59.29	59.29	...	4.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	76.70	81.59	-0.76	1.96

Source: Fiesta

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. © Exit Charge.

Widespread losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	412	...	4.7	13.8
314	223	Allied Irish	248	...	5.1	9.5
278½	171	Aus New Z	181	+ 2	5.4	26.6
3306	2487½	Bank America	2487½	- 25	...	
247	172½	Bank Scotland	200	- 6	3.2	11.8
649	457	Barclays	584	- 6	3.6	18.0
319	240	Bk of Ireland	288	...	5.0	8.3
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2849½	- 119½	...	
285½	203	Close Bros	225	- 1	4.1	...
£160½	2121½	Commerzbk	2134½	+ 23½	6.1	
1266½	1055½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1007½	- 15½	0.5	
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	5305½	- 48½	2.2	...
1315½	767½	Espirito Santo	865½	...	4.4	4.3
90	60	First Nat Fin	65	- 1	2.9	
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1259½	- 14½	0.4	
473	209	Hambros	230	...	8.3	9.2
1113	560	HSBC	723	- 32	4.2	10.5
1138	688	HSBC HK	722	- 33	4.2	10.5
443	400	Joseph (L)	416	...	5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	493	- 2	4.9	8.7
668	519	Lloyds	576	- 10	5.0	11.3
628½	472	Nat Aust Bk	508	...	7.1	
622	421	Nat West	508	- 14	4.8	9.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2100	...	6.9	
78	53	Rea Bros	61	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	482	...	3.8	20.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1428	+ 13	1.6	18.1
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1307	+ 5	1.8	11.9
114	75	Singer & Fried	83	- 1	4.7	18.7
359½	223	Stand Chart	280	- 5	2.8	9.5
281	197	TSB	219	- 8	4.8	11.0
1012	569	Warburg SG	675	- 5	4.1	12.4
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	8987½	- 125	3.0	
265	194	Westpac	198½	- 3½	2.8	
380	210	Wintrust	218	...	6.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½	...	...	
619	485	Bass	528	- 5	5.8	13.8
299	240	Boddingtons	287	- 7	4.0	18.8
186	168	Burtonwood Brwf	179	...	3.6	15.9
181	142	Eldridge-P 'A'	165	...	2.7	23.0
88	48½	Fosters Brewing	55	- 1	5.3	
493	375	Fuller Sm 'A'	377	...	2.6	15.6
511	388	Greenalls Gp	426	- 2	3.7	18.3
584	452	Greene King	546	...	3.0	15.2
305	230	Hardy Hanson	253	...	4.4	12.9
178	135	Heineken	150	...	3.4	13.5
2773	3125	Holt J	3435	...	1.8	18.9
248	195	Mansfield	215	+ 1	2.6	13.2
314	258	Marston Thomp	308	+ 2	2.5	15.7
545	463	Morland	508	...	2.5	16.8
10½	6½	Paramount	7½	...	3.3	
303	209	Regent Inns	209	...	2.3	22.9
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1594½	...	1.9	23.8
581	477	Scot & New	508	- 5	4.2	15.1
308	229	Vaux Group	242	...	5.8	15.6
439	324½	Wetherspoon JD	435	...	1.9	23.9
617	484	Whitbread	548	- 3	4.4	14.8
589	493	Wolverhmptn D	539	...	3.0	15.7
188	148	Yates Bros	188	...	2.8	23.7
535	480	Young 'A'	483	...	3.9	20.1

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	135	...	4.9	9.8
200	148	Allen	169	...	4.0	19.3
184	84	Amec	84	- 6	4.5	48.5
107	47	Andrews Sykes	107	+ 7	...	
462	333	Ashtead	438	...	1.8	27.7
191	108	Avonside	108	...	5.1	12.7
41	25	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	2.6	20.8
86	18½	Barcom	45	...	4.9	5.4
252	160½	Barratt Devs	175	- 2	4.3	
169	122½	Beazer Homes	136	...	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	209	...	4.3	
41	17	Bellwinch	31	...	...	27.3
573	371	Berkeley Gp	376	+ 1	2.3	15.8
215	116	Bett Bros	182	...	3.1	
355	218	Boot (Henry)	219	- 7	8.8	10.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	28	...	2.4	
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170	...	6.1	10.3
197½	120	Bryant	139	- 1	4.5	15.6
145½	111½	CALA	113	- 2	3.1	15.6
54	31	Campbell & Arm	38	...	...	
62	44	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	22½	...	...	
185	114	Countryside	114	- 3	4.5	25.3
120	82	Crest Nicholson	83	- 2	2.4	16.4
140	108	Cussins	109	...	4.1	12.4
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21	...	1.8	
473	323	Eve Group	325	...	4.2	13.3
60	24	Galliford	24	...	5.2	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	3.8	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	828	...	2.1	
86	71	Grattan (Ernst)	88	...	8.7	26.5
191	121	Havelock Europ	175	...	2.1	16.0
189	139	Hewden-Stuart	148½	...	2.5	17.1
144	86	Higgs & Hill	93	- 1	3.4	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22	...	4.5	20.5
125	6	Jarvis	11½	...		
138	104	Keller	114	- 1	4.1	13.2
420	284	Laing (J)	228	- 1	4.8	21.3
154	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	97½	- 1½	8.2	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	127	...	4.7	17.6
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	71	- 1	...	
253	196	Mcalpine (A)	219	...	3.1	
321	186	McAlpine (Alfred)	188	- 1	4.3	27.6
76½	59½	McCarthy & S	58	...	1.1	
165½	94	Mowlem (J)	103	...	2.4	
329½	205	Persimmon	212	- 4	5.4	16.9
2000	1450	Pochins	2000	...	2.0	20.0
198	129	Prowting	126	...	3.5	16.5
116	45½	Raine Ind	50	...	7.5	10.4
132	105	Redrow	106	- 1	3.2	10.5
87	50	Swift-Rve	62	...	1.5	29.2
367	233	Stanniff Hldgs	364	...	1.5	24.2
112	62½	Storco	111	...	4.1	15.6
2451	185	Smart (J)	217	...	4.3	
280	155½	Spender	240	+ 2	1.2	18.3
257	151	Tay Homes	156	...	4.9	12.2
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	126	- 1	1.7	32.8
780	538	Tilbury Dougls	570	...	7.2	43.7
60	35	Tielfir Hire	58	...	2.8	29.2
49	22	Try Group	28	...	2.8	
129	90	Wardplair	119	- 1	4.0	31.7
170	123	Walemores	130	...	4.0	14.0
74	48	Ward Hldgs	55	...	1.1	
225	145	Westbury	146	- 1	4.8	13.3
7	5	Wiggins	6½	...		
259	171	Wilson (C)	174	- 3	3.0	14.5
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	338	- 4	3.5	15.1
249	131	Wimpey G	134	+ 1	4.9	20.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Allbright	15	...	4.2	14.4
341	283	Alenco	338	- 2	2.2	
65	43½	Amberley Gp	44	...	2.4	28.4
369	274	BPB Ind	307	- 3	3.3	20.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	119	...	3.3	22.5
60	35½	Bardon	36	- 1	8.9	...
244	125	Birchfd Ind	218	- 2	...	...
93	60	Blackleys	63	...	1.8	
391	282	Blue Circle	284	- 7	4.8	21.6
117	77	Breedon PLC	85	...	6.8	24.3
154	126	Br Dredging	133	...	5.3	18.0
409	321	CRH	352	...	2.7	17.9
76	31	Cakebread Rby	38	...	...	
278	235	Cape	235	...	5.9	14.9
455	254	Caradon	270	- 7	4.0	18.4
215	126	Caradon pft	131½	- 2	8.9	
82	48	Chiltern Gp	54	...	8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	98	- 1	4.5	14.8
97	70	Dyson 'A'	70	- 1	6.2	10.5
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	2.7	
350	273	Evans	285	- 3	3.3	17.5
82	57	Erith	60	...	2.8	33.8
218	160	Graham Grp	174	- 1	3.3	16.6
389	337	Halstead (J)	352	...	2.7	16.2
511	284	Hepworth	322	- 1	5.8	18.3
88	46	Hewetson	88	...	2.1	15.2
205	85	Hewitt (J)	98	...	2.2	
473	284	Heywd Wllm	284	- 9	5.9	16.0
180	67	Inbrook	75	...	1.7	...
294	149	Johnston	207	- 5	2.1	32.1
170	145	Lilleshall	148	- 3	4.8	15.5
219	129	Marley	145	- 1	3.6	17.2
152	128	Marshalls	143	- 1	4.0	12.6
569	353	Meyer Int	355	- 1	3.8	13.7
196	146	Newman Tonks	173	...	4.6	21.8
212	117	Norcros	117	- 3	7.7	21.5
31	9	Phoenix Timber	11	...	...	
208	162	Pilkington	183	- 2	2.8	78.1
189	126	Polypipe	140	- 1	3.1	15.1
1079	805	RMC Grp	886	- 17	2.7	20.4
48	18	Raine	19	...	...	
640	448	Redland	474	- 11	6.8	21.9
108	70	Rotorfl	96	...	5.6	...
189	114	Rugby Group	127	...	3.4	18.0
103	62	Ruberoid	89	...	3.2	18.3
268	222	SIG	264	...	2.7	21.2
21	16	SMP	18½	...	1.3	23.0
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	177	...	3.1	13.0
81	42½	Spring Ram	44	- ½	1.4	...
206	121	Tarmac	127	- 1	5.4	...
230	160	Tilbry	180	...	3.4	13.6
370	274	Travis Perkins	292	+ 1	3.6	18.0
28	21	Tudor	24	...	1.3	
54	33	Unigroup	37	+ 1	...	
63	33	Wolsehouse	51	- 2	...	
129	87	Wolseley	90	...	1.8	20.2
65½	39½	Wiltshire	63	- 1½	1.3	21.2
975	705	Wolseley	780	- 1	2.7	15.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	
110	73	Apl Hldg	83	- 15	...	
165	107	Attwoods	116	- 1	5.4	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...		
49	30	Black Arrow	44	+ 1	9.0	10.5
124	70	Br Bloodstock	79	...		70.9
13	5½	Card Gp	6	...		16.7
10½	4½	Chemex	8½	...		
157	109	Cosalt	154	+ 19	6.7	10.5
237	188	Filofax	225	- 5	1.1	19.5
50	26	Headway	38	- 1	2.3	20.6
292	234	Hunsock	245	...	3.1	17.4
248	179	Leigh	178	- 1	5.5	16.4
274	214	Nato Gp	227	...	3.3	14.8
310	207	Photo-Me	244	...	2.5	26.5
60	38	Platt & Gant	58	...	3.8	
185	82	Photobook	173	...	2.5	20.4
12½	5½	Posts Group	8½	- 1	...	
51½	3½	Radius	5	...	...	
120	70	Shanks & McEwan	93	...	4.4	
244	174	Stocker (Mel)	187	...	4.8	14.4
700	483	Waste Mgt Int	519	- 7	...	19.8

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158½	115½	Allied Colloids	132	+ 1	2.2	21.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	3.2	18.4
£140½	£109½	BASF DM	£126½	- 159½	7.4	
787	537	BOC	706	- 5	4.4	26.7
373	284	BTP	286	- 3	4.4	18.1
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£136½	+ 28½	6.5	...
131	98	Brent Chemsl	108	...	4.7	
309	219	Br Vita	226	- 1	4.1	18.8
25	18	Cambridge Iso	19	...		
198	153	Canning (W)	185	...	4.9	31.3
580	429	Courtaulds	440	- 5	4.2	35.5
389	327	Croda	354	- 1	3.0	15.2
143	95	Dewhirst	134	...	4.3	13.5
68½	35½	Euro Colour	65	...	2.7	18.7
149	132	Gaskell	136	...	6.0	12.9
223	147	Hickson	148	...	6.8	13.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£121½	- 06½	3.6	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	219	...	2.5	17.9
868	728	ICI	781	- 22	4.6	61.5
191½	140	Kalon	143	- 5	3.8	13.6
843	663	Laporte	722	+ 6	3.7	18.3
95	48	MTM	83	- 1	0.8	...
405	302	Manders	303	...	4.1	14.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	117	+ 10	8.6	
128	51	Meeslect	61	- 9	7.2	8.1
679½	358½	Morgenson	476	- 6½	4.2	21.6
349	265	Porvair	285	...	1.9	22.2
272	186	Scapa	201	- ½	3.7	17.0
66	31	Salcoda Speak	32	...	2.0	19.0
852½	656	Tabicla Chem	783	+ 14	0.8	14.4
490	351	Wardle Storeys	352	...	8.3	18.9
220	192	Wellington Hldg	193	...	3.3	18.6
823	570	Wyndham X	785	+ 2	3.9	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	382	...	2.7	16.5
336	258	Yule Catto	288	...	2.9	21.7

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	108	ABI Leis	106	...	4.6	14.9
296	248	Aesl	281	...	2.9	18.2
575	233	Allen & Harvey	570	...	3.5	7.7
31	21	Alexanders	21	...	3.0	19.5
175	117	Appleyard	118	...	6.1	20.8
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	1.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	538	...	4.3	21.7
25½	17	Bearing Power	24	...	3.9	15.2
405	249	Blackley Wb	255	...	5.1	10.5
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.1	
370	285	Brammer	380	...	4.8	18.8
31	15½	Bridgend Grp	16	...	1.6	...
93	78	Brit Fittings	83	- 2	3.4	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	
57	38	Bunzlane	40	- 1	6.2	11.7
465	245	Cabyse	285	...	5.0	18.2
50	24½	Caskel Plc	27½	...	5.1	15.0
130	86	Central Mtr	86	- 5	5.1	21.3
57	32½	Cook (DC)	37	+ 1	3.4	11.4
948	201	Cowie	229	- 2	4.5	11.2
182½	127	Dag Motors	140	...	5.8	16.1
663	446	Dewhurst El	593	...	1.4	16.8
589	427	Diploma	442	- 6	3.9	
589	443	Electrocomponent	470	- 2	2.7	19.3
175	133	Evans Halshaw	158	...	5.5	18.3
283	225	Ellis & Everard	257	...	3.7	19.0
234	201	Gundolier	211	- 1	5.0	16.5
173	166	European Mtr	139	...	4.4	12.5
528½	395	Evans Halshaw	404	...	4.4	12.7
656	490½	Farnell Elect	527	- 1	1.9	21.8
78	58	Fife Indmar	61	...	5.8	9.8
34	18	Gestion	18	...	5.2	8.6
46	21½	Glenchewton	22	...	...	24.3
90	60	Goodvin	73	...	3.4	22.2
76	58	Hallin Hldgs	70	...	...	54.8
342½	260½	Heskyn	274½	...	3.4	14.7
191	88	Hodgins Tech	95	...	7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl	113	...	1.9	14.1
608	386	Inchcape	443	- 2	4.2	14.7
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	162	...	3.1	18.6
573	332	Lex Service	342	- 2	4.9	18.1
282	182	Lookers	194	...	4.4	12.1
28	20	Malaya Grp	20	...	1.8	...
7½	3½	Mitsubisk	7½	+ ½	...	
440	279	Norbain	430	- 4	0.7	20.8
100	47	Northamber	92	...	1.1	39.1
175	153	PCT	155	...	8.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	262	...	2.8	17.2
238	165	Perry Grp	165	...	5.3	9.0
218	136	Quicks Group	138	...	4.8	14.5
183	97	REA	182	...	4.6	39.5
5¼	2½	Reece	3	...	...	
24	7½	Ross Gp	9	...	2.6	...
42	32½	SEP Ind	36	...	3.1	18.9
44	31	TLS Range	38	...	3.5	14.5
265	215	Time Products	235	...	4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	...	3.6	14.9
335	248	Wolseley Figs	248	...	6.9	
30½	15	Wills Gp	17½	...	4.0	8.7
69	49	Wyke	56	...	1.1	
86	65	Young (H)	68	- 2	6.2	70.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	158	- 2	5.9	16.1
380	188½	Antofagasta	345	- 5	1.3	27.9
62	48	Aorcort	49½	...	4.5	
986	773½	Broken Hill	908	- 10	2.3	35.7
401	293	BTR	296	- 4	5.3	15.8
570	372	BATY	453	- 8	5.7	11.9
91	49	Bibby (J)	72	- 1	5.4	...
57½	44	Billerley Inv	48	- 1½	9.1	
39	10½	Cannon St	12½	...	...	4.8
836	636½	Charter	756	- 4	3.7	21.5
285	226½	Cookson	247	+ 2	3.3	22.3
382	217½	Hanson	231½	- 5½	6.5	20.7
220	152	Hardin Crstd	182	...	6.9	18.4
365½	240	Hatch Whamp	266½	- 14½	2.1	19.1
710	480½	Jardine Mtns	493	- 35½	3.2	10.3
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	4.2	28.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	157	- 5½	3.2	43.1
44	16	Porter Chadbn	39	...	...	
705	522	Powell Duffryn	554	...	5.3	15.7
164	118½	Rapport	132	...	7.1	15.0
480	337	Rotimans	425	- 10	3.9	22.8
196	137	Slaw Darby	184	- 5	3.3	17.0
287	188½	Sweeley	188½	- ½	5.6	55.1
199	161	Suter	166	- 1	7.0	16.6
288	220	TI Group	237	- 2	2.3	
283	202	Tomkins	226	- 1½	4.1	14.5
124	74½	Trafalgar H	81½	- 1½	1.5	...
440	245	Unitem	295	...	3.6	15.2
324	245½	Wassall	284	- 3½	1.5	24.4
13½	5½	Wickey	10	...	...	
414½	332	Williams Hldg	353	- 4	4.6	21.8

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	610½	East Midlands	773	- 4	4.2	61.9
886	595	Eastern Grp	885	- 1	3.6	17.6
753	534	London Elect	702	- 11	4.0	10.7
871	635	Manweb	808	- 11	3.6	6.6
840	547	Midlands Elec	772	- 2	3.6	11.8
528	404½	National Power	504	- 4	3.3	13.7
858	589	Northern Elec	804	- 8	3.9	10.1
421	329	Nthn Ireland	372	- 3	3.6	10.1
850	587	Norweb	790	- 10	3.6	10.4
602	449	PowerGen	557	...	3.1	12.0
497	307	Hydro-Elect	327	- 4	4.8	10.3
496	325	Scottish Power	361	- 4	4.5	11.3
453	289	Seeboard	420	- 2	3.5	11.1
840	591	Sth Wales	802	- 10	4.0	10.9
824	551	Sth Western	779	- 9	3.8	10.3
837	540	Southern Elec	799	- 4	3.6	12.5
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	727	- 6	4.0	14.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	97	...	...	
198	165	Alba	183	...	3.4	15.1
58	25½	Amstrad	31½	- ½	2.0	...
39	24	Arlen	30	...	...	
94½	78	Astec	86½	...	1.3	17.8
281	118	Aston	143	...	2.8	11.5
478	325	BICC	346	- 4	7.0	21.8
283	233	Bowles Heater	265	...	4.5	
15	7	Berkeley Res	7	...	...	
595	402	Black	415	...	3.1	16.7
360	289	Bowthorpe	294	- 7	3.0	15.9
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	- ½	1.8	9.9
283	248	CML Micro	248	- 28	3.6	15.8
35½	24	Calluride	24½	...	...	67.3
117	81	Coponpond	113	...	4.8	
282	154	Cray Elect	162	- 3	1.7	18.9
467	412	Crichley	458	- 1	2.3	19.2
368	269	Dania Bs Sys	338	- 8	0.8	28.1
566	430	Delist	476	+ 1	2.8	20.4
580	409	Domino	529	+ 4	2.0	22.6
78	63	Dowding Mills	71	...	4.6	25.2
1635	1220	Dwck	1460	...	0.9	27.2
3756½	2380	Electrolux 'B'	3381½	+ 25	1.6	58.9
38½	21	Emess	23	...	0.4	...
4040½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3709½	- 140½	1.0	31.8
86	55	Eurocopy	84	...	3.5	18.9
451	343	Eurotherm	392	- 3	1.6	23.2
402	335½	Fairey Group	384	- 1	2.8	20.3
289	185	Forward Gp	185	- 1	3.4	17.1
58	14½	Forward Tech	44	...	2.1	8.1
353½	268½	GEC	281	- 5	4.8	14.1
181	104	Gestetner	110	...	2.7	...
191	119	Grasby	148	...	5.1	13.9
193	121	Ind Control	125	...	5.0	
385	325½	Kenwood Appl	334	- 1	3.5	16.3
880	730	Kershaw (A)	880	...	3.9	40.5
165	38	Kode	62	...	8.1	...
56	45	LPA Ind	45	...	4.3	...
320	280	MTL Inst	312	- 2	1.7	18.8
281	219	Marwin-Sw	255	...	2.0	19.9
45	31	Microdec	34	- ½	...	
404	185	Mitel	215	- 8	...	
148	109	Murray Ent	116	...	2.2	
31	22	Oble	22	...	2.5	
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	...	6.3	25.3
98	74½	Pearl	86	...	4.9	21.6
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1909½	- 34½	1.0	8.7
2115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	2110	...	5.2	
359	239	Plico	354	...	1.8	24.3
344	289	Plico 'A' Vtg	332	...	1.7	22.8
140	79	Plasmec	120	...	3.9	...
128	92	Pressac	92	- 3	3.8	17.7
43½	17½	Prestwick	28	...		
303	181	Psion	254	+ 1	1.4	17.8
281	187	Racal Elect	228	- 3	2.3	18.7
53	33	Radamec	48	- 2	4.8	13.4
311	226	Rexham	235	+ 2	2.4	17.2
89	15	Scantronic	26½	...	5.1	
49	35	Silvermines	37	...	2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	69	...	4.8	14.3
104	41	Sim Bsn	45	...	10.3	7.0
19	11	TDS Circuits	11	...		
3225	2265½	TDK	2975	- 62½	1.1	...
170	80	Telemetrix	80	...	1.6	10.2
101	51	TSI	93	...	2.7	17.3
344	191	Telspec	332	- 1	0.9	40.1
246	132	Thorpe FW	234	...	1.7	17.1
42	22	Total Systems	36	...	...	37.4
339	215	Twosell	255	...	1.8	18.3
384	256	Unitech	359	...	2.8	28.1
16	8½	Vanity	10	+ 1	...	
483	384	Volex	395	...	5.9	17.0
280	80	Walmsley	86	- 2	...	
155½	93	Wattscroft	153	+ 1	2.9	23.9

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	118	AIM	166	...	3.4	44.3
138	60	APV	82	...	8.9	...
220	157	ASW	193	...	3.9	...
126	20½	Aero Hambla	28	...	18.0	2.6
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18½	...	5.7	46.8
73	27½	Alvis	45	...	2.8	31.3
175	153	Ash & Lacy	154	...	5.2	16.9
553	480	Atlas Equipt	545	...	5.0	18.2
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	123	+ 5	1.5	...
51	34	BM Gp	45	...	...	
40½	26½	Babcock	26½	+ ½	...	
178	135	BWT	137	- 1	6.1	21.0
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	66	...	2.6	22.0
48	25	Beauford	32	...		
225	123	Wilson (J)	151	...	4.4	9.4
329	282	Bodycote	373	...	2.2	21.3
75	49	Boulk Inds	67	...		
20	15	Bowney	16½	...	4.0	16.8
171	120	Brabury	157	...	3.2	
584	380	Br Aerospace	433	- 9	2.5	38.8
172½	121½	Br Steel	153	- 2	2.9	18.5
125	88½	Bromsgrove Ind	89	...	6.3	11.3
18½	8½	Brooke Tool	12½	...		
186	135	Bullough	154	+ 1	4.9	25.3
88	66	Bundled	72	- 1	3.2	30.9
22	14	Cl Blowert	15	...	2.5	
293	247	Carclo Eng	250	...	4.6	16.3
155	110	Castings	149	...	2.3	17.6
230	155	Chemring Hill	160	...	5.3	10.7
360	272	Chemring	283	...	4.1	14.9
250½	187	Clyde Blowers	189	...	3.8	
332	226	Coblamo	227½	- 1½	3.0	16.4
586	408	Cohen (A)	540	...	0.8	...
283	178	Concentric	181	...	4.1	16.0
310	240	Cook (Wod)	247	...	3.8	11.6
296	198	Davd Brown	220	+ 2	3.7	15.5
97	70	Delson Park	78	...	5.9	15.6
442	364	ESI	368	...	4.0	15.6
101	69	Elliott (B)	101	...	2.5	15.1
118	60	Expamet	90	...	3.6	63.8
212	156	FKI	165	+ 1	3.2	18.8
148	108	Fenner	139	...	1.4	
45	31	Feston	37	...		
88	74	GEI Int	74	...	2.5	20.8
134	91	Games Engf	125	...	4.6	...
404	321	Glynwed	335	- 5	4.3	19.6
14½	10	Graystone	13	...	2.3	11.0
85	61	Hadan MacLn	68	...	3.7	17.6
125	80	Hadleigh	124	- 1	2.0	14.5
320	143	Hall Eng	165	+ 1	6.1	12.9
250	204	Hallite	240	...	1.3	26.3
73	47	Hampson Ind	52	...	4.8	9.9
167	122	Hardy (Philip)	140	...	5.1	17.3
48	25	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	
184½	137	Hill & Smith	140	...	5.2	15.2
83	39	Hopkinsons	53	...	3.1	...
41	27	Howden Grp	29	...	2.4	
103	78	Howden	89½	...	3.5	14.5
285	157	Hunting	172	...	7.3	24.5
513	402	Huntingh Tec	433	...	1.5	20.2
379	286	IMI	327	- 1	3.9	27.8
51	33½	Johnson & FB	37½	...	1.2	...
628	488	Johnson Matth	565	- 9	2.5	22.5
32	25	Jones Stroud	30	...		
330	230	Kelsey Ind	318	...	3.1	...
259	205	Lincat	253	+ 3	3.4	15.8

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14½	..	3.5	
67	36	ML Hdgs	38	..	2.7	13.5
67	26	MS Intl	26	..	12.0	15.7
179	129	Mang Bronze	141	..	3.5	11.0
536	412	McKechnie	429	+ 1	4.3	15.8
220	71½	Meggitt	82	..	6.0	13.2
120	101	Metalrax	106	..	4.4	17.8
139	89	Molins	191	..	2.9	18.2
48	515	Molins	515	- 3	3.8	10.4
486	318	Morgan Crucbl	338	...	4.7	16.5
217	176	Morris Ashby	209	..	3.6	
51	34	Neepsend	35	- 1	4.5	16.4
126	53	Neotronics	53	..	6.1	11.5
68	46	Newmark (L)	48	..	..	
59½	39½	OMI Int	41½	..	5.3	
358	277	Oxford Inst	333	...	1.9	19.5
341	216	Powerscreen	270	+ 2	3.5	12.0
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14	+ ½	7.3	7.5
188	60	Radiant Metal	75	..	..	
71	13	Ransomes	63	..	..	
85	70	Record	85	..	5.3	19.1
281	249½	Renishaw	270	+ 2½	3.0	22.8
189	126	Renold	189	..	2.0	25.9
73	51	Richard (Leics)	51	..	5.5	36.5
104½	78	Richardson West	79½	..	5.1	17.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce	182	- 3	3.4	32.1
195	156	Rotork	169	- 1	3.3	17.2
180	134	Robicon	136	+ 1	4.2	15.3
150½	72	Senior Engt	81	- ½	5.2	13.2
270	245	Servomex	266	..	3.1	28.4
630	560	Siebe	570	- 1	2.4	18.3
130½	75	Simon Eng	88	- 1	..	
82	35	SA Hundred	75	..	2.5	25.7
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1153½	- 15½	..	
527½	411	Smiths Indt	455	- 2	3.6	17.5
485	337	Spirax-Sarco	463	..	2.7	18.7
287	197	Stirling Ind	226	..	3.8	15.0
455	343	TI	372	- 3	3.8	20.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	118	..	5.9	19.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	59	..	7.0	8.4
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	..	6.7	
18½	12	Utd Inds	16	..	0.8	...
1528	980	VSEL	1503	- 15	3.0	14.1
31½	12	Vesion	15	- ½	..	
204	163	Vickers	183	- 2	2.4	19.4
327	234	Victaulic	235	..	4.3	12.9
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11	..	..	
522	461	Vosper	514	..	2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	754	..	3.1	16.2
527	451	Wagon Ind	463	..	4.8	23.6
354½	246½	Weir	286	- 2	2.9	17.1
41	37½	Wellman	41	..	2.7	66.9
548	377	Westland	380	..	3.5	13.9
264	90	Wheway	104	..	9.9	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	32	..	..	
159	108	Airflow Stream	159	+ 3	3.1	15.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	533	..	3.9	23.2
236	173	BBA	202	- 3	2.8	
86½	57½	BSG	57½	..	7.0	35.9
18½	8½	Benson Group	9½	..	4.3	13.0
306	180	Bestwood	297	- 1	2.5	16.9
26½	17	Boustead	23	- 2	4.4	
22	12½	Caverdale	12½	..	1.5	12.4
332	275	ERF	324	..	0.8	
346	256	First Tech	332	+ 4	1.3	19.2
860	510½	GKN	624	- 7	4.1	38.5
4387½	2350	General Mtrs	2962½	- 43½	2.2	...
1312	916½	Honda Motor	1100½	+ 1½	0.4	
444	340	Laird	350	- 6	4.0	16.5
360	233	Lucas	350	..	..	
280	158	Locast	204	- 2	4.3	
64	53	Mayflower	54	..	3.2	22.0
124	68	Mckelles	73	+ 1		10.2
178	149	Sylkon	165	..	3.7	18.4
261	203	T & N	219	- 4	6.2	19.1
333	283	Trinity Hldgs	313	..	2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	489	AB Food	562	- 9	3.6	11.5
386	265	Acatos & Hutch	267	- 7	4.0	10.7
74	42	Albert Fisher	42	- 1	11.0	14.3
270	210	Banks (S C)	210	..	5.8	8.0
376	305	Barr (AG)	374	..	2.3	24.1
72	35	Benson Crisp	39	..	8.9	
481	378	Booker	416	+ 3	6.6	15.3
56½	48	Borthwick	51	..	3.2	21.8
212	156	CPL Aromas	203	- 2	1.8	18.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schwe	442	- 3	4.4	14.6
232	143	Carrs Milling	217	..	3.7	
167	130	Chapelcast	146	- 2	7.2	12.0
154	90	Dalepak	113	- 5	1.7	
543	389	Dalgety	420	- 4	6.3	11.8
67	50	Daniels S	56	..	0.7	
294	210	Devro	219	..	3.6	14.8
101	52	Everest	67	- 2	4.7	25.1
8½	5	Ferruggiol	5	..	..	
85	67	Finlay (James)	67	- 1	7.7	8.1
20½	13	Global	14	..	4.5	12.8
68	35	Grand Central	48	..	..	
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	121	..	8.9	7.6
199½	151	Hillsdown	172	- 2	6.4	12.2
28	16	Hobson	24½	- ½	..	
111	38	JLI Group	94	..	6.4	13.2
408	313	Linton Park	370	- 11	5.9	18.6
127	85	Matthews (B)	122	..	2.8	14.7
181	180	Mtn ED & F	176	..	6.1	8.7
248	205	Nichols (JN)	238	..	3.1	15.3
271½	198	Nthn Foods	204	- 8	5.5	10.3
14	9	Nthn Fn	12	..	..	
48	28	Polcos	39	..	..	
81	62	Perkins Food	71½	- 1½	7.8	12.0
96	73	Sealy Farm	83	..	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	85	..	11.0	
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	439	- 8	3.8	10.9
239	145	Treat	212	..	2.4	17.3
434½	323	Unigate	350	- 4	6.4	9.7
1247	958	Unilever	1100	- 19	2.9	15.8
8118½	6406½	Unilever (NV)	7189½	- 59½	3.0	14.4
389	293½	Utd Biscuits	321	- 7	6.0	26.2
21	6	Ushome	7	..	..	
49	33	West Trust	33	..	9.5	23.1
133	99	Yorkshire Food	113	..	3.6	13.3

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	375	AAH	390	- 2	5.7	13.9
1141	884	Amersham	887	- 2	2.3	18.5
81	43	Angest	54	- 1	..	
297½	214	Assoc Nursg	214	..	1.2	12.5
363	243	Bespak	270	- 1	4.7	13.9
10	5	Care UK	6½	..	..	
115	62	Celsis	69	- 1	..	
151	88	Chiroscience	82	..	..	
47	40½	Cortecs	47	..	..	
297	232	Community Ht	246	..	4.0	14.2
44	30	CrestaCare	31	..	3.1	
146	96	Enviromed	128	..	6.2	
110	82	Ferrans Group	88	..	3.2	
171	134	Goldsborough	144	- 1	2.9	15.7
15½	9½	Greenacre	10½	..	4.1	13.6
165	39	Intercare Gp	40	..	10.9	4.3
325	283	Isotron	285	..	2.1	
171	107	Life Sciences	145	..	3.5	14.4
152½	74	Lon Intl	87	- 1	..	
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47	..	8.4	11.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½	..		
330	227	Quality Care	282	..	2.1	15.2
210	145	Scholl	149	- 1	5.4	14.3
363	275½	Seton Health	338	- 5½	2.5	17.2
83	44	Shield Diag	60	..	..	
159½	136½	Smith & Nephw	147	- ½	4.3	16.3
21	9	Specialeyes	9	..	..	
282	192	Takare	213	..	1.2	18.8
313	256	UniChem	258	- 1	3.3	14.8
460	294	West Hillcare	335	..	1.7	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	244	..	2.5	15.2
198	115	BLP Group	165	- 3	0.8	45.3
39	26	Bristow Brtrs	37	..	..	
187	93	Cowell Plr 'A'	94	..	7.6	21.0
285	185	Creighton Nt	185	- 5	5.2	13.0
162	133	Derby Group	156	..	2.5	17.9
188	113	Gaskell	141	- 2	3.8	
14	4½	Lionhead	4½	- ½	5.3	
231	166	Mayborn	190	..	3.9	12.8
235	250	Ostlauer Ind	251	..	5.2	11.4
430	320	Osborne & Little	420	- 4	1.9	15.3
626	428	Paterson Zcht	456	..	3.8	13.2
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	434	..	4.0	14.4
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	570	- 5	2.7	46.4
291	211	Relyon	254	..	4.8	13.1
378	194	Silentnight	208	..	4.8	13.1
48	33	Stoddard	34	..	5.8	12.8
330	213	Tomkinsons	214	..	6.7	30.2
160	125	Victoria Carpet	145	..	3.9	7.8
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	..	4.1	18.6
83	44	Walkeri Wdgwd	59	- 1	..	46.0
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1483½	937½	Alex & Alex	1243½	- 12½	5.4	
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1687½	- 25	4.4	
112	84½	Angerstein	94	+ 2	1.6	77.5
88	47	Archer	58	+ 1	2.2	
165	85	Bradstock	82	..	7.5	10.6
550	370	Britannic	405	- 4	4.0	
117	89½	CLM Insce	100	+ 1	1.8	
701½	487	Gen Union	526	- 2	6.0	19.8
108	86	Delian	97	+ 1	0.6	
1950	1655	Dors & Genl	1655	..	2.1	17.7
64	33	FAI	33	- 2	1.5	
221½	145	FBD Ir	167½	..	4.1	7.8
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	184	+ 3	5.5	14.5
114	90	Finsbury Under	99	+ 1	1.7	63.9
757	529	Gen Accident	553	- 11	6.3	8.9
247	161	GRE	190	- 4	6.1	21.2
105	80	HCG Lloyds	93	..	1.7	78.4
457	211	Heath C E	242	- 2	8.3	
245½	187½	Hibernian	182½	- ½	5.0	7.2
114	86	Hiscox Select	105	..	1.8	
323	280	Independent	241	..	4.5	6.5
241	178	Irish Life	185	- 1	6.3	17.3
203	123	JIB Group	124	..	7.6	11.4
547	407	Legal & Genl	448	- 3	6.0	17.1
1471½	985½	Liberty Life	1448½	- 18½	7.2	5.5
119	91	London Ins Mkt	106	- 1	2.4	36.6
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	170	- 1	5.7	11.2
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	331	- 6	7.0	10.0
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	..	5.5	16.8
443	308	Londn & Mant	311	- 1	6.5	15.5
119	91	London Ins Mkt	106	- 1	2.4	36.6
286	155	Lowndes Lmb	168	+ 9	5.9	10.2
6083½	4556½	Marsh McLn	4637½	- 8½	4.0	...
119	84	Masthead	97	+ 1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	177	+ 2	4.0	17.7
106	76	New London Cap	88	..	0.7	...
129½	103	Onel	110	..	6.7	
98	78½	Pennlcorn Trustt	80	- ½	3.1	
124	101½	Pembroke Under	112	..		
385	271	Prudential	317	- 6	5.4	13.7
83	37	PWS	36	..	10.4	
484	261	Refuge	262	- 3	5.5	19.3
350	232½	Royal	250	- 2	3.9	6.0
222	139	Sedgwick	149	+ 1	5.0	16.9
155	104	Steel Burrill	119	+ 3	8.5	
97	54	Sturge Hldgs	76	..	4.9	
418	285	Sun Alliance	327	- 6	5.7	9.1
107	81	Syndicate Cap	85½	+ ½	1.8	
96	51	Trade Indemnity	60	..	1.9	13.4
484	332	TransAtlantic	338	..	4.5	30.4
673	448	Utd Friendly	455	- 5	4.7	23.4
245	130	Willis Corroon	150	- 2	5.6	17.5
28	20	Windsor	24	..	..	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	330	- 2	2.5	..
105½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	86	- 2	..	
102	86	Abtrust High Inc	87	..	8.0	
269	205	Abtrust N Dawn	222	- 3	0.5	
2058	1763	Alliance	1754	- 7	3.4	
293	249½	American Trust	264	- 4	2.6	
479	401	Angle & O seas	415	- 4	2.2	

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
196	145	Baillie Gifford SN	145	- 2		
219	173	Bankers	183	- 1	2.7	
75½	45½	Baring Em Eu	45½	- 1	0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribne	327	- 1	2.5	
248	198	Barry Starg	223		1.2	
215	160	Biotec Inv	164	+ 1		
120½	91	Br Assets	93½	- ½	5.8	
98	89	Br Empire Sect	92½	- ½	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wrt	36	- 1		
234	188	Br Inv	212	- 2	2.9	
100½	87½	Brazilian	97½	- 2½	0.3	
272	221	Brunner	235	- 2	2.8	
161	117	BZW Conv	128	- 3	7.6	
363	310	Candover	325		4.3	
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	54½	- ½		
271	180	Clwes & Eastern	181	- 5	2.5	
223	191	Cont Assets	191	- 1	2.0	
96	80	Danae Inv Inc	80	- 1	12.4	
326	268	Derby Cap	280	- 8		
173	147	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75		14.0	
110	84	Dryn Eng Instr	96		1.0	
156	129	Drytn Far East	140½	- 2	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	634	- 4	5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	87½	- 1		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	305	- 1	3.7	
80	37½	Dunedin Wts	37½	- 1½		
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	758	- 7	1.6	
122	92½	Edin Dragon	112	- 2½		
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incat	49½	- 1½	0.1	
360	281	Edinburgh	302	- 3	3.7	
179	139	EFM Japan	162	- 1		
354	286	Electra Inv	325	- 4	2.7	
220	185	Electric Gen	194	- 1	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
137	105	English Scot	110	- ½		
345	288	European Asset	290	- 3	2.0	
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	156	- 1	0.2	
103½	82½	Fidity Jap Val	82½	- 1½		
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156		2.4	
86	71	First Spanish	71	- 1	0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	284	- 4½	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese	79½	- 3	0.8	
92	36	Fleming Ch Wts	36	- 3		
267	196	Fleming Clavert	208	- 1	3.3	
385	302½	Fleming Cont	314	- 2	0.9	
210½	158	Fleming Em Mks	170	- 2		
264	190	Fleming Entp	207	- 1	1.9	
458	327	Fleming F East	351	- 5	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	359	- 1	1.0	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inct	97	- 1	5.7	
109	90	Fleming Indian	95	- 1		
64	42	Fleming In Wts	51	- 2		
52½	36	Fleming Intl	38	- ½	11.7	
284	223	Fleming Japan	245	- 2		
347	269½	Fleming Merc	279	- 3	3.0	
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	287	- 3½	1.9	
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	134½	- 1½	1.7	
106	94	For & Col Inc Gwth	96	- ½		
148	106½	Frgn Eng Mkts	126	- 2		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72	- ½	1.0	
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	226	- 3	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	120	- 2	0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	315	- 4	1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP	123	+ 1	3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	165	- ½	1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smlr	101	- 1	...	
28½	21½	Falcon Cap	25			
54	46	Falcon Inc	48		23.2	
142½	134½	Falcon Zero	139	+ ½		
213	191	Gartmore Brit	193		2.4	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	132	- 1	0.9	
139	90	Gartmore Shrd	90	- 1	13.7	
128	103	Geared Inc Inv	105	- 1	9.9	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	151	- 2		
115½	104	Genl Inct	104	- 1	10.5	
106	88	German Inv	92	- ½	0.1	
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Co's	243	- 5	0.1	
151	101	Gov Eng Mks	121	- 1	0.3	
181	138	Govett Am Smlr	146	- 3		
96½	86	Gov Glob Smlr	87			
112	78	Govett High Inc	84		7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	394	- 6	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategic	239	- 4	3.5	
475	410	Greenfriar	415		2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	231	GT Japan	232	- 3	0.7	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Cot	122		1.0	
138	113	Hend High	115½	- ½	6.1	
293	257	Hend Strat	283		0.6	
105	86	Herald	96			
116	89½	HTR Jap Smaller	104		0.5	
27	13	IES Ent	14			
119	94	IES UK Smlr	110		3.2	
158	122	Inv Capt	129	- 1	5.0	
98	90	Ind Biotech	90			
59	30	Ind Wts	37			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	153	- 1		
122	89½	J Fry 3rd U	97		8.4	
100	94	J Fry Euro U	96		6.2	
255	187	JF Fleng Jap	222	- 2		
121	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	108		3.9	
243	195	Klnwt Chrt	204	- 2	3.2	
149	115	Klnwt E Mkt	126	- 3		

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134	105	Klnwt End	110	- 1		
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	78	- ½		
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25½	- 1		
116	82	Klnwt H Inct	83	- 2	11.5	
272½	228	Klnwt O'seas	233	- 3	1.8	
165	128	Klnwt Smlr	129		3.0	
201	129½	Latin American	150½	- 2½		
828	672	Law Debenture	731	- 3	3.3	
129	98	Lazard H Inc	99	- 1	8.1	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	83			
35	29	Lloyds Sm Dir	29		15.3	
129	107	Lloyds Sm Pkg	112		4.0	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	160		4.9	
247	207	Lon & Strathclyde	207	- 2	3.5	
109	81	Lon Smaller Co's	87		4.5	
334	265	Lontrust	288		4.0	
1440½	887½	Lyttesburg	1431½		1.6	
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	545	- 5		
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135		22.2	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2610	- 10		
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	290		30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	68½		9.1	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30	- ½		
45	38	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	38½	- ½	16.4	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	120	- 1	5.2	
58	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	54	- ½		
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	32			
72½	62	M&G Rec Geared	64½	- ½	7.6	
37½	32	M&G Rec Inc	32½	- ½	15.3	
151	129	M&G Rec Package	133½	- 1½	3.6	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	70	- ½		
128	99	M Currie Euro	109	- 1	0.3	
180	133	M Currie Pac	141	- 3	0.3	
227	180	Mayflet	196		3.3	
57	44	Maxplin	55	+ 1		
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	103	- ½		
324	237	Merchants	257½	- 3½	5.2	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	84	- ½		
45	28½	Mercury Wts	30	- ½		
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	36	- 1½		
565	492	Monks Inv Tst	517	- 4	1.7	
158	127	Morg Gren Inct	130	- 1	4.6	
64	43	Morg Wts	47	- 2		
111	87	Morg Latin Amer	99	- 2		
65	39	Morg Wts	57½	- 1½		
148	109	Murray Ent	116		2.2	
88	54	Murray Euro	60		0.6	
383	317	Murray Income	327	- 5	4.5	

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
395	319	Murray Intl	330	- 6	4.5	
162	153	Murray S/C DF	155	- ½		
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	153	- 2		
97	92	Murray S/C Inc	92			13.2
3400	2850	Murray Small	3250			
548	424	Murray Vent	482	- 4		
563	232½	Murray Split	308	- 1	4.7	
52	33	Murray Ent Wts	32			
27½	16	Murray Fu Wts	17½			
58	16	Newmarket	16			
95	60	Nth Inc	65		5.2	
104	65	Northg Cap	76	- 1		
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	334	- 5	7.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	205	- 1		
640½	433	Pacific Assets	535	- 12	0.2	
542	325	Pacific Wts	444	- 8		
120	83	Perpetual Jap	97	- 2½		
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700			2.8
153	124	Pftd Inc	125	- 1		1.5
95	91	Pilgr Euro Sm	92			
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	- 1		1.9
39	25	River Merc Am Cap	28	- 1		
121	104	River Merc Am Inc	104			6.2
17	12	River Merc Am Wts	12	- ½		
150	119	River Merc Cap	130	- 2		
147	91	River Merc Ex Inct	94			19.4
49	14	River Merc Ex Incw	17			
116	84	River Merc Gtd Inct	84	- 1		11.2
35	23	River Merc Gtd Pft	27			
127	112	River Merc Td Inc	114			10.1
40	22	River Merc Wt	23			
170	119	River Merc Sm Co	125			4.1
77	21	River Merc Sm Wt	34	- 1		
443	405	Robeco	412			3.1
465	415	Rolinco	420			1.5
124	68	Schrod Jap	71½			
99	86	Schrod Jap Gwth	95	- 1		
52	33	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	39	- 1		
39½	12	Schrod Jap Wt	12			
1132½	761½	Schrod Korea Fd	968½	- 7½	0.1	
650	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	493½	- 7½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	105½	- ½		
37	27½	Sch Splt Fd Cap	31			
129	109	Sch Splt Fd Inct	110	- 1	2.4	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	95			
42	33	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	37	- 1		
262½	208	Scot	213	- 2	2.3	
183	150½	Scot American	155	- 2	3.3	
398	238	Scot Asian	253	- 2		
1070	683	Scot Wts	788	- 25		
97½	77	Scot Eastern	87½	- 1	2.3	
264½	205	Scot Mrgr	225	- 3	2.5	
106½	91½	Scot Natl Tst	92½		10.2	
133½	104	Scot Value	107	- 1	2.4	
1795	1515	Second Alliance	1539	- 10	2.4	
106	77	Sec Tst of Scot	81½	- 1	5.0	
179	148	Selective Asset	157	- 1	1.9	
161	129	SHIRESCOT	154		5.5	
51½	35	Sphere Intl	35½	- ½	15.6	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	306		3.0	
412	310	Temple Bar	343	- 3	5.0	
135	102	Thmn Asian E	107	- 2	2.6	
568	468	Throg Dual Co	459	- 5		
101	71½	Throgmorton	75	- ½	3.8	
164½	116	Tipton Emg Mkt	124	- 1½	0.7	
177½	132½	Tr Cty Of Lont	149½	- 1½	4.5	
205	149	TR Far East	155	- 2	4.4	
124½	86	TR Pacific	116	- 2	3.2	
43½	32	TR Property	34½	- ½	3.3	
228	179	TR Smlr Cos	190	- 1	2.5	
152	106	TR Tech Inv	114		1.5	
405	190	Tunney Trust	211		1.8	
269	233	USDC Invest	241	- 1	2.3	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	118½		4.4	
109	65	Wigmore	69		0.9	
257½	205	Witan	230	- 2½	3.2	
113	104	Yeoman Inc	107		15.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	120	..	3.6	
40	26	Abacus Str H	34	..		
578½	416	Airtours	451	..	2.5	15.6
46½	18	Alld Leis	18	..		
177	138	Alpha Airprt	139	- 1	3.6	
48	36	Arcadian	40	..		
131	85	Baldwin	113	..	3.9	19.4
333	257	Barr & W 'A'	258	..	4.8	10.7
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	232	..	3.2	6.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	338	..	1.9	20.0
7½	2½	Brent Walker	3	..		
200	100	Bristol Scorpst	183	..	2.0	
7½	1½	Buckingham Int	7	..		
247	114	Chrysalis	237	..	1.7	
94	74	City Centre Rest	79	..	2.8	16.0
374	305	Corrowss Gp	329	+ 1	2.6	19.4
290	232	Eurocamp	258	- 1	4.8	10.6
213	78	Euro Disney	105	- 1		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2	- ½		
495	308	Fairline Boats	435	..	3.4	30.3
350	245	First Leisure	261	+ 1	3.2	17.3

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295	209½	Forte	232	- ½	4.0	27.5
307	169	Friendly Hotels	178	- 1	4.0	29.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	..	2.5	
598	475	Granada	516	- 10	2.2	20.4
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	41	..	8.5	6.0
216	176	Hornby	181	..	6.2	15.8
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	162½	..	4.3	14.6
18½	11½	Kunick	14½	- ½		
279	200	London Clubs	278	..	5.4	14.2
217½	145	Ladbroke	162	- 3½	2.7	28.6
104	86	Magnolia	86	..	0.2	
700	539	Man Utd	638	..	4.1	
109½	74½	Mandarin Ornt	79	- 8	4.0	20.7
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	..		
87	34	Northern	66	..	5.7	10.9
102	66½	Pelican Gp	92	..	1.7	19.2
141	109	PizzaExpress	125	..	2.0	19.2
183	117	Prism Leisure	117	..	4.5	8.3
43	23	Quadrant Grp	23	..		
278	205	Rank Org	253	- 2	2.2	38.1
447½	355½	Rank Org	412	- 5	3.8	26.4
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels Ei	27	- ½	4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	..	0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	85	+ ½	1.8	30.6
350	250½	Stanley Leisure	338	- 2	1.9	19.0
345½	280	Tamjong	280	..	0.7	15.7
1165	958	Thorn EMI	973	- 24	4.5	19.7
167	75	Tottenham Hot	123	- 2	1.0	33.0
159	129	VCI	158	..	1.7	14.1
149	112	Vardon	121	+ 1	1.2	21.4
18	5½	Wembley	6	..		
149	110	Zetters Gp	135	..	7.9	

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	346	..	2.1	31.3
355	198	Adscene	291	..	2.8	20.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	..		
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	..		
26	15	BBB Design	15	..		7.7
235	189	Barbour Index	182	..	5.8	15.7
13½	6½	Bristolle	6½	..		
345	320	Black (A&C)	335	..	5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Grp	244	..	5.3	9.1
205	133	Border TV	179	+ 1	2.8	15.0
413	365	Bristol	377	..	4.1	26.0

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163	117½	CIA Gp	135		1.6	21.8
473	319	Capital Radio	342		2.7	
1047	797	Carlton Comms	891	- 6	2.7	19.7
98	78	Cn of Lon	91		6.0	13.9
1336	1116	Daily Mail	1358½	- 6½	1.4	21.6
1464½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	984½	+ 2½	1.9	22.1
314	260	Dering Kindt	286	+ 1	1.4	30.9
463	355	EMAP	397	- 9	2.8	21.8
642½	532	Elsevier	640	+ ½	3.0	20.7
1775	1450	Economy Pb	1648		3.3	
17½	8	Forn	12			
465	339	Flextech	482	- 1		
1033	575	GWR Gp	859		1.5	31.5
235	169	Gold Greenlees	168	- 1	3.9	20.4
34	20	Goodhearn	24		0.5	
356	226	Grampian	335		3.0	17.8
172	106	HTV Group	139½	- 2½	1.6	31.2
134	32	Harrington F	38		3.2	
415	329	Haynes Pub	373		3.0	22.2
438	328	Hodder Hdne	335		2.0	54.5
180	120	Home Counts	170	- 2	3.7	41.7
349	277½	Independent	293		2.6	10.0
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	219		2.0	10.6
162	119	Interurope	134		7.3	
167½	137½	Johnstone Press	151		1.6	21.2
33½	20½	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
119	43	MAID	46	- 1		69.8
436	336	Metal Bulletin	495		2.8	25.7
177½	117	McCann Ind	117	- 4	3.0	10.0
225	122	Mirror Gp	144	- 3	0.9	7.6
431	344	More O'Ferrall	355	- 1	4.6	20.5
545	242½	News Corp	255	- 2	0.6	15.9
314	224	News Intl	238	- 3	0.8	12.6
50	30	Osprey Comms	30		0.4	
725	552	Pearson	609	- 2	2.7	21.0
442	210	Phonelink	220	- 3		
769	605	Portsmth Sund	646	- 2	2.1	13.3
339	251	Quarto	251	- 1	3.0	13.7
854	722	Reed Intl	792	- 1	3.1	24.0
529½	428	Reuters	480	- 3	1.8	24.0
178	127	Saatchi	159			31.0
622	335	Scot Radio	582		2.3	22.8
574	356	Scot TV	432		3.6	29.0
45½	22½	SelecTV	27½			
57	20½	Shadowck	45½		1.2	6.6
352	167	Southnews	252	+ 1	1.1	25.2
200	135	Sterling Pub	135		3.3	11.5
155	125	Sunset & Vinet	129		3.9	
45½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35½		2.2	21.4
622	310	Telegraph	348	+ 2	4.7	12.3
885	695	Thomson Corp	725		5.2	36.2
472	378	Trinity Intl	379		3.3	17.5
760	518	Ulster TV	704		2.9	21.6
731	479	Utd Newspapst	516	- 3	5.5	12.5
161	115	VTR	115	- 6	4.4	12.1
36½	20½	WMGO	20½	- ½	6.2	9.8
125	83½	WPP	116	- 1	1.1	18.6
400	150	Yorkshire TV	394			

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	100		3.4	6.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3531½		2.7	18.5
3795½	2532½	Ang Am	3678½	- 37½	1.9	34.3
7331½	4532½	Ang Am Gold	6658½	- 26½	4.1	17.4
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	26			
1512½	1195½	Ashanti	1353½	- 12½		
165	121	Ashton	124	- 1	4.3	
983	773½	Broken Hill	906	- 10	2.3	35.7
404	275	Bairynds	284	- 1		
491	294½	Beatrix	417½	- ½	4.3	23.3
33	24	Beaco	35		2.4	30.2
184	90½	Blyvoor	115½	- 3½		
64	30	Bougainville	42	+ 1		
37	12	Bracken	17½		5.0	
889	580½	Buffels	604½	- 9	9.1	
6	2½	Buils	2½			
968	745½	CRA	832		2.6	25.4
77	45	Central Pacific	50			
55½	36	Cluff Res	43½			
142	39½	Coal Inv	88			
300	65	Cons Murchison	238	- 14	2.6	
1750	1318½	De Beers	1487½	- 6½	3.6	15.5
142	88	Deelkraal	103½	+ 3	3.5	9.0
101½	30½	Doornfontein	61½	- 4		
1039½	665½	Driefontein	990½	+ 6½	4.4	14.3
941½	549½	Durban	795½	- 17½		
209½	107	E Rand Gold	185½	- ½	12.5	5.3
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	88			
75	48	Eastern Trans	68		3.4	16.2
513	300½	Elandsrand	449½	- ½	3.6	10.3
447½	320	Eng China Cl	362	- 2	5.6	17.4
1139	741½	FS Const	943	+ 2½	6.2	11.5
82	27	FS Dev	70		1.8	
2026	1193½	GFSA	2025	+ 31½	1.9	29.8
80½	52	GM Kalgoorli	52	- 3	2.8	18.8
239½	108½	Gencor	235½	- ½	1.1	29.1
128	75	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
157	85	Gopeng	100	- 9½	0.3	
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½			
202	105½	Grootvlei	157½	- 2½	6.1	8.2
95½	67	Gwalia Cons	94½		1.0	11.2
680½	319½	Harmony	571½	- 7½		
430	268½	Hartes	294½	- 4½	9.1	9.2
1553½	831½	Impala Plat	1553½	+ 12½	1.6	47.4
230	122	Kinross	128	- 7	9.4	11.6
1315½	890½	Kinross	1103½	- 12½	4.4	15.1
1094½	568½	Kloof	955	- 13½	3.4	9.8
137	69½	Leslie	108½	- 1½	10.0	6.3
368½	176½	Lorraine	289½	- 3½		
30	17	Meekatharra	20			
3	2½	Mhangura	3			
162	118	MIM	122	- 1	2.0	
1762½	1575	Minorco	1575	- 18½	2.3	
324	158	Monarch	189	+ 1		
202½	83	NSM	103	+ 5		11.8
201½	145½	Nth Brkn Hill	153	- 4	3.5	22.0
94	40	Oryx Gold	94			
101	65	Palabora	78	- 4		
463	255	Peeling Tin	285	- 5	0.5	
199	122½	Placer Pac	170	- 5		
8½	4½	Premier Land	5			
425	317	RJB	348		4.4	16.8
905	790	RTZ	845	- 10	3.1	24.1
49	33	Rockwood	33			
650	187½	Rand Minest	650		1.7	
840½	547½	Randfontein	648½	- 21	7.8	8.0
285	207	Renison	233	- 10		
1809½	1078½	Rustnburg	1743½	+ 6½	1.7	
112	70	St Barbara	72	- 2		
756	539½	St Helena	585	- 21	7.6	
280	195	Sons Gualia	260	- 5	4.7	16.5
30	16	Sthern Pacific	30	- 1		
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1996½	- 18½	4.4	22.9
5	3½	Sturrup				
143	73	Stilfontein	105	- ½	20.5	3.5
261½	90	Unisel	201½	- ½	3.0	15.3
7603	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5671½	- 40½	4.4	9.5
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	15		8.3	3.6
545	450	Watts Blake	533		2.9	20.1
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1122	- 29½	6.4	10.4
3575	2050	Western Deep	2881½	- 12½	3.6	8.9
398	300½	Western Mng	350	- 6	1.1	53.0
1225	603½	Winkelhk	921½		5.2	12.8
66	47	Zambia Copper	53			
68	48	Zandpan	55		8.1	12.3

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
41	24½	Aran Energy	40½			24.7
53	35	Arcon Intl	40			
74½	51½	Aus Oil & Gas	55½	+ 1		
68	43	Aviva Pet	60			
249	197	Br Borneo	220	+ 3	4.0	10.3
358	253	British Gas	297½	- 2½	6.1	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	413	- 9½	2.9	22.6
4	1½	Bula Resources	2½	- ½		
919	811	Burmah Castrl	839	- 8	4.1	16.7
88	56	Cairn Energy	86			47.4
375	258	Calor Gp	285	- 1	5.5	13.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	41		1.1	
30	11	Coplex Res	11½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2½			
27½	17	Edn Oil & Gs	25			23.7
486	370	Enterprise	377	- 1	5.3	
39½	21	Fannarin Ind	25		4.9	10.2
303	263	Flogas	285		5.7	11.6
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			
77	54	Goal Pet	66		2.7	21.9
42	31	Gt Western Res	44			
177	137	Hardy O & G	143	- 1	0.9	18.3
55	40	Kelt Energy	49		3.4	
169	110½	Lasmo	149		0.8	
73	48	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	55	Monument	68½	- ½		73.2
7½	3½	New London	4			
2540½	1937½	Norsk Hydro	2387½	- 3½	1.4	
9½	3½	Oceonics	5			
50	36	Oil Search	40	- 1		
50½	17½	Petroz	35	- 2½		
168	147	Pict Pet	147			
32½	21½	Premier	25½	- ½		12.8
156	73	Presadio	73		9.1	
111	85	Pittencrieff Rs	90			
292	129	Ramco Eny	249	- 6	0.2	
463	325	Ranger	385	- 10	5.3	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6865½	- 59½	4.7	17.9
4084½	3321½	Schlumberger	3509½	+ 3½	2.2	
68	43	Scot Pickard	52		2.2	
68	50	Seafield	67			
758	651	Shell	702	- 9	4.5	21.3
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	116			
4237½	3481½	Total	3975	- 53½	4.5	
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
237	178½	Woodside	223	+ 1	1.7	
110	28	XCL	69			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BWD	82	- 7	6.4	6.7
126	96	Baltic Plc	124	+ 1	2.0	7.8
185	83	Berry Bch Nbtt	83		7.7	12.5
154	110	Brewin Dolphin	110	- 13	6.6	8.1

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
757	625	Caledonia	658	- 7	3.9	17.0
2550	1900	Camellia	2200		1.8	5.9
27	17½	Carlisle	22½		1.4	
630½	449	Cater Allen	507	- 1	6.9	10.5
172½	125	Carlisle	142	- 1	4.6	16.0
85	46	Chester	50			
86	60	Clarkslie	74		4.4	
16	12	EFG	14		3.9	9.1
71½	45½	EFT Group	66	- ½	3.6	12.6
740	513	EFM	734	- 4	4.1	22.0
212	169	Euro	169	- 1	6.3	9.2
229	151	Caromore	187	- 5	2.7	21.6
515	395	Gerrard Natl	486	- 1	6.2	14.0
465	351	Guinn	352		5.2	5.8
1208	845	Henderson Adm	1013	- 2	5.5	14.0
211½	151	Invesco	176		3.7	28.9
53	33	Investment Co	45		5.2	15.5
290	185	Ivory Sime	237	- 5	4.0	18.4
217	199½	Jardine Strat	136½	- 16½	4.2	8.0
428	134	Johnson Fry	137	- 1	1.4	
170	106	King Station	117		9.6	11.6
248	132	Lon Forfaiting	150		7.3	10.0
113	95	Lon Scot Br	112		4.0	17.0
1243	794	M & G	985	- 5	3.6	20.6
353	218	MAI	233	- ½	4.2	13.5
117½	86½	MAI 5.9% Cv Prf	86½	- 1½		
770	538	MAM	640	- 4	4.3	14.9
35½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16			0.3
1268	970	Perpetual	1145	- 10	2.9	12.1
573	415	Provident	540		4.1	17.2
365	247	Rathbone Br	257		4.1	12.7
29	21½	Rutland Trst	25½		4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	308	- 1	4.4	10.0
495	160	Smith New	183	- 4	6.1	6.8
188	116	SJP Capital	123	- 1	3.0	7.8
496	324	Smith New Crt	371	- 4	3.5	3.1
684	427½	Smith Partic 'A'	427½	- 37½	3.2	
224	79	Tealy Law	85		5.6	7.3
65	25	Trio Hldgs	27		6.9	12.3
199	87	Union	92	- 1	6.1	9.3
31	20	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	586			
483	393	Carnab Pharms	393			
223	191	Celltech	225			
151	88	Chiroscience	92			
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
152	107	Ferraci	125	- 1	2.7	
735	520	Glaxo	621	- 6	5.4	15.0
185	95½	Grampian Hdgt	101	- 1	6.6	18.7
187	120	Madaro	175	- 2	2.1	14.1
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	262		2.1	15.2
295	242	Scotia	267			
83	44	Shield Diag	60			
468½	357½	Smithkline	423	- 3	5.6	16.5
421	322	Smithkline Unt	385	- 2	4.0	15.0
731	498	Wellcome	681	- 6	2.2	15.5
873	672	Zeneca	854	- 5	4.1	17.2

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	133	AG Holdings	134		5.3	
444	347	API	347		3.1	21.8
319	237	Arjo Wiggins	277	- 4	2.9	41.7
206	145	Acton Comc	165		3.8	15.6
472	350	Bemrose	350		4.4	12.5
171	92	Blagden	110		1.7	51.4
524	409	Bowater	470	- 7	3.5	17.6
1885½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1584½	- 9½		
297	248	Bowmore Intl	253	- 9	2.0	15.4
515	435	Br Polythene	485	+ 7	2.2	17.0
176	36	Br Thornton	36	- 2	20.8	3.2
180½	125	Britton Grp	125	- 1	2.5	18.4
186	139	Bunzl	165½	- 1½	3.1	13.5
198	129	Capital Indst	156		3.6	12.2
2446½	1890½	Carnaud MII	2290½	- 103½	2.1	17.8
439	287	Cropper (James)	287		1.5	15.0
1035	825	De La Rue	1011	- 2	2.6	18.4
114	78	Delyn Group	82		2.5	14.9
137	103	Dolphin Pack	106		5.4	13.5
181	75	Fairway Group	36		4.5	17.9
430	302	Ferguson Intl	334	- 1	4.8	13.4
145	120	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
30	2½	Hunterprint	3			
230	156	Inveresk	154		4.1	9.3
286	248	Jarvis Porter	282		2.4	20.3
438	364	Low & Bonar	411	- 4	3.1	16.9
70	45	Mr Holdings	56½		3.6	15.0
271	212	Macfarlane	263		1.9	21.2
250	169	Pryst	189	- 3	5.2	24.2
820	513	Portals	708	- 3	2.9	19.2
412	314	St Ives Grp	342	- 2	2.3	18.5
1124	464½	Sappi	1122	- 1½	0.5	
30½	13½	Serif	13½			
351½	192	Sidlaw	204		6.7	10.1
573	398	Smith David	520	- 2	2.6	23.2
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	362		1.5	51.4
119	82	Somic	102		3.4	10.8
45	18½	Unit Group	34			
270	182	Wace	233	- 3	2.1	14.9
291	209	Waddington (J)	225		4.5	11.5
511	385	Watmough	419		2.0	26.5
149	98	Wyndeham	141	- 1	2.6	18.0

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lont	97		5.0	12.4
276	253	Argent	260	- 2		
77	63	Artesian Est	74	- 2		
144	109	Asda	116		2.4	20.6
382½	238	Bilsont	244		5.0	17.7
283	238	Brixtn	238		3.2	17.5
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17			51.9
108	72	Bourne Endt	73	- 2	1.3	
276	177	Bradford	188	+ 1	4.5	15.8
137	103	Brightstone	106	- 1	4.4	24.0
474	360	Br Land	383		2.5	35.6
279	177	Brixton	189	+ 1	5.5	16.3
118	86½	Burford	89	- ½	2.2	28.9
112	96	CLS Hldgst	98		6.2	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	141		1.4	31.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	203		4.0	48.9
325	213	Carroll Prop	213		1.5	47.6
66	29	Cattles Intl	29½			
185	152	Chelsfield	159		1.9	54.0
678	465	Chesterfield	468		3.3	21.0
112	88	Chesterton Intl	90		4.6	12.7
84	36	City Site Ests	58	- 1		
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½		6.3	
56	30	Conrad Ritbl GS	31	- 1	2.0	27.1
1755	1290	Daeran	1290	- 5	2.8	15.0
25½	5	Dares Estates	12½			
17	4	De Morgan	6			
156	98½	Debenham Tewn	102		4.3	16.5
189	161	Dencora	163		2.5	45.8
347½	241	Derwent Hldgst	241	- 1	2.4	21.5
41	21	Development Sect	21		0.6	
51	45	Dwyer	46			
53	25	Eloco	31			
460	275	Estates Agency	325		4.0	39.5
47	18	Estates Gen	24			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	102		3.1	17.8
43½	24	Ex-Lands	26		2.0	
80	64	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	27		2.3	11.4
78	38	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
51	38	Folkes Group	44		4.3	
51	36	Folkes Group nvt	41		4.6	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	430	+ 1	4.8	15.9
325	228	Granger	244		3.1	
260	171	Gt Portland	175	+ 1	5.9	29.9
226½	118	Grevcoat	124	+ 2		
94	39	Hambro Colyw	43		0.7	43.7
435	311	Hammerson	336	- 4	3.7	33.7
390	298	Helical Bar	323	- 1	3.3	11.6
40½	29	Hemingway	30½		1.6	52.4
78	24	Herring Baker	25		5.0	
75	46	High-Point	48		1.3	
269	134½	Hk Land	151	- 7½	4.2	
311½	136½	Jermyn	154			77.1
792	588	Land Sec	601	+ 3	5.1	17.0
16	6	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	96½		5.4	14.2
562	397	MEPC	400	- 1	6.2	23.0
13½	6	McInerney A	6½			
190	164	McKay Secs	181		3.6	17.9
85	59	Marnale Mrr	66	- 1	3.8	10.1
55	27	Moorfield Est	33		3.8	
1425	1150	Mountview	1150		2.4	11.4
196	144	Muckiow (A&J)	149		5.3	19.8
2½	1	ORB	1			
64	29	Olives Prop	29			10.8
191	140	PSIT	140		4.1	19.8
399	233	Peel	233	- 1	2.4	
162	142	Pillar Prop	148		3.1	
12½	3	Power Corp	3			
77	56	RPS Group	71		4.6	12.8
53	31½	Raglan	34			8.3
40	23½	Regalian	27½	- ½		6.8
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	165		1.4	10.5
134	106	Rugby Est	107		2.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	50		3.0	12.5
78	59	Savile Gordn (J)	63		5.4	18.3
100	57	Savills	58		4.8	9.4
108	74	Scot Metr	74		3.4	8.6
61	45	Secure Retns	45			
135	94	Shaftesbury	94			
307	219	Slough Estates	224	- 1	4.5	47.9
103	55	Southend Prop	56	- 1	5.4	
133	103	Specity Shops	104		2.9	
50	10	Stanhope Prps	15			
39	34	TBI	35			1.9
244	166	Tops Ests	166		1.7	39.6
163	116	Town Centre	120	- 2	4.0	17.8
107	85	Trafford Park	86		4.6	
29½	15	Trencherwood	17			
58	28	UK Land	45			
317	212	Warner	215		6.5	20.7
260	218	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
7½	1½	Waterglade	2			
103½	63	Wales	63½	- ½		
45	29	Wiarney Mtr	37			
105	68	Wood John D	68		3.7	
30	15	YRM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	65½	- ½	3.4	15.0
315	222½	Argyll	264½	- 4½	5.4	11.6
505	413	Brake Bros	457		1.8	16.4
43	24	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
17	11½	Dalleers	14	- ½		
137	70½	Dairy Farm Intl	70½	- 5½	5.2	9.6
394	344	Farepak	348		2.4	19.8
60	37	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
108	87	Fyffes	104		1.7	17.8
371	177	Gacal	179		5.7	
1078	653	Greggs	1048		3.3	19.7
395	325	Greencore	383	- 1	3.2	11.5
211	133	Iceland Group	164		3.0	10.2
658	533	Kwik Save	560	- 1	4.8	9.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	364		2.9	12.1
18	9	Merchant Retail	12	- ½		
149	99	Morrison (W)	139	- 3	0.9	16.2
232	165	Nurdin Peack	168		4.9	9.3
146	89½	Park Foods	122		2.5	24.7
5½	1½	Regina Hm	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	411	- 8½	3.3	14.5
256	200½	Tesco	244½	- 5	4.1	12.2
198	162	Thorntons	176		3.5	14.4
422	279	Watson& Philp	379		4.8	15.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	35			
248	203	Alders	209	- 1	3.6	15.6
410	307	Argos Plc	351		3.0	18.5
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	80	- 2	0.2	
357	134	Asprey	144		5.3	7.1
246	176	Austin Reed	234	- 1	2.8	11.7
168	133	Beattie (J) 'A'	134	+ 1	5.8	17.5
150	110	Bentalls	126	+ 2	2.0	43.7
185	36	Bettermart	39	- 1	7.1	5.3
48	29	Blacks Leis	35		8.2	
264	195½	Body Shop	211	+ 2	1.3	18.6
601	497	Boots	513	- 1	3.8	16.4
12½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	2½			
263	210	Brown (N)	225		3.3	20.0
78½	51	Burton	71½	- ½	3.5	33.6
245	153	Castors	153		5.1	
304	220	Carpenght	242	- 2	3.6	20.3
246	152	Church Int	169		1.5	29.9
520	388	Church	483		3.4	24.6
171	96	Clinton Cards	96		6.1	14.0
170	81	Cthy Casuals	90		6.0	25.8
903	730	Courts Furnitr	785	- 3	1.0	40.0
210	155	Crown Eye	180		6.2	8.3
353	245	DFS Furniture	365		3.4	
287	170	Dixons Grp	188½	- 2	4.4	20.0
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
11½	7½	ERA Gp	7½			
284	165	Essex Furnt	165		3.3	
326	217	Etam	262	- 2	3.7	14.4
558	430	Fine Art Dev	431		4.1	13.3
68	46	Flren Earth	66			
166	72	Fring Flowers	73		1.3	14.1
278	128	French Conn	250			10.5
264	205	Frost Group	230		2.9	23.2
66	49	Gaverz	60		3.1	21.4
126	85	Goldsmiths Cpy	135	- 1	1.8	24.2
653	524	GUS	563	- 4	2.9	16.6
196	164	Hamley	182	- 1	3.2	17.5
31	21	Hampden Grp	23		5.4	66.2
227	179	Hse of Fraser	185		3.4	16.7
96	69½	Hughes (TJ)	82		5.9	13.5
776	454	Kingfisher	473	+ 4	3.9	12.4
270	156	Fleetex	156		0.8	34.6
435	315	Liberty	316	- 7	1.5	
380	277	Lloyds Chemt	313	+ 5	3.8	10.0
184	126	MFI	141½	+ 3½	3.5	17.7
460½	380	Marks Spencer	412	- 2½	2.9	18.3
680	495	Menzies (John)	502		2.9	12.3
377	238	Moss Bros	357		3.3	13.9
275	214	Next	253	- 1	3.3	15.5
56	20	OPIA	27			
97	29	Oliver (G)	97			30.9
112	75	Pannage Fine	75		4.8	10.1
37	12	Pittards	16½			
208	165	QS Hldgst	165		3.9	13.1
62	20	Rabo Gp	21		3.0	20.0
209	138	Ratners	138	- 2	4.3	16.1
132	99½	Sears	102½	- 1½	4.4	17.9
96	16½	Signet Group	17½	+ ½		6.0
549	427	Smith WH	470	- 2	4.1	24.2
1350	729	Sotheby	769	- 15	3.7	32.8
252	189	Storehouse	230	+ 1	3.1	19.6
181½	151½	Stylo	177		1.9	12.0
198	146	T & S Stores	170	+ 1	4.6	12.1
173	114	Tie Rack	136	- 1½	1.6	16.2
539	284	Vendome	510	- 2	1.4	39.2
70	30	Wfth Stoust	31		2.9	
93½	52	Wlc of Lezds	81		1.1	
196	138	Wlsede	162	- 2	3.5	17.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	576	- 7	4.8	14.1
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	385		3.5	22.2
143	105	Burn Stewart	134	- 1	5.0	27.3
506	275	Grand Met	403	- 2	4.1	17.5
542	428	Guinness	459	- 5	3.6	15.1
457	353	Highland Dstl	429	- 1	2.1	19.6
232	127	Macallan-Glen	209		0.7	54.9
826	565	Macon Mtn A	675		1.8	27.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	536	+ 12	4.2	12.5
350	97	Merydom W	98		3.2	
190	142	Taunton Cidr	153		5.4	11.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	96	ACT Group	102½	- 1	6.5	10.6
743	583	ADT	703	- 12		
46	24	Alphameric	42			22.0
140	69	Auto Sec	76			9.7
162	99	BET Ord	105½	- ½	4.1	15.1
195	115	Bnb Rect	181	- 1	3.5	21.1
255	175	BPP	219		5.1	15.7
186	133	BSM	138	- 1	5.9	11.5
1½	½	Black & Edg	½			
1100	637½	Boxland	660			
326	159	Bol Data Mgt	181		3.7	
79	57	Books Servcet	62		3.5	
117½	86	CRT Gp	86	- 1	4.7	21.1
236	156	Capita Group	166		2.1	21.1
423	292	Chubb Sec	321	- 1	2.4	19.7
230	105	Comptr People	230	+ 2	1.4	52.4
65	41	Corp Services	61		0.5	22.9
97	48	Coutts Chesist	51	- ½	1.0	
276	212	Davis Service	226	+ 2	4.5	15.2
83	66	Dudley Jenkns	69	+ 2	5.9	15.3
154	95	EW Fact	96		6.4	7.2
193½	135	El Data Prc	143		1.6	13.2
334	261	Hays	289	- 2	2.6	19.7
289	201	Hogg Robinson	202		4.4	14.1
29	18	Holmes Protectn	27	+ 1		1.6
15	8	Im Crn & Data	9			6.1
2695½	1684½	ISS B Dtr	1746½		6.0	1.9
165	129	JBA Hldgst	129		2.3	13.1
414	248	Johnson Clean	248		5.4	10.0
145	99	Kalamazoo	120		3.1	13.6
298	221	Kewill Sys	244	- 32	3.9	8.9
35	15	Laser-Scan	19			
143½	68	LBMS	96			
8	4	Lep	4½	- ½		
321	266	Logica	309	- 1	2.0	21.8
264	96	MDIS	129		6.1	9.0
194	143	M&IT Compt	190		3.4	15.1
216	110	MR Data Mngt	118	- 1	5.9	
723	423	Macro 4	438		5.7	12.3
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1790½	- 31½	0.2	
1320	790	Micro Focus	893	- 5		10.8
178	112	Microgen	112		8.1	11.2
548½	420	Mieys	420		2.4	
194	141½	Mitie Gp	193		1.5	22.6
35	22	Nowo Group	24		1.0	
22	24	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
84	60	P & P	75	- 1	3.9	18.6
115	65	Michael Page	111		2.6	37.3
143	90	Parity	135		2.1	36.3
235	153	Pegasus	153		4.1	15.4
115	82	Pennar	83		6.0	
89½	60½	Proudfoot	71		6.2	12.2
415	290	RCO	330		5.8	11.4
48	27	Radius	38		1.2	
169	73	Real Time	152		3.3	11.5
177	104	Reed Executive	154		0.8	
163	105	Reliance Sec	153		3.8	
279	199½	Rentokil	238	+ 1	1.6	24.5
194	138	Ricardo Groupt	144	- 1	5.2	17.5
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	205	- 8	2.4	31.9
678	507	Sage Gp	673		2.0	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	275	- 2	3.7	14.3
94	77	Sanderson Elec	77	- 1	4.6	
17½	9	Select App	13½			
438	310	Serco Gp	427		1.0	25.7
307	243	Serco Go	236	- 2	1.6	35.9
130	75	Shanks Cmp	94			
130	93	Sketchley	100		4.0	16.8
254	182	Star-Plus	182		6.3	17.3
146	100	Unicorn	112			
31	20	Vistec	30	- ½	2.5	10.9
65	37	WSP Hldgs	50		4.8	29.3
338	310	Warner Howard	310		3.2	14.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	379	- 9	5.7	13.2
543	380	Cable Wireless	395	- 12	2.8	15.7
176	108	Filtronic Comm	156	- 17	0.6	52.5
1543	1146	Securicor	1465		0.3	36.3
1069	785	Securicor A	959	- 4	0.4	23.7
892	606	Security Serv	777	- 5	0.9	24.6
221	157½	Vodafone	204	- 2	1.9	26.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	88	..	5.7	4.3
230	146	Alexdra Wk	147		4.9	15.7
617	488	Allied Text	515	+ 1	3.2	15.8
169	90	Atkins	93	- 2	11.4	28.3
45	31	Automagic	34			
270	207	Baird (Wm)	209		5.3	17.8
71	37	Beckman (A)	40		11.2	
290	233	Black (Peter)	245	- 7	2.3	17.6
109	74	Bridport-Gndry	103		3.7	8.4
236	171	Br Mohair	195	- 2	5.4	20.0
74	20	Campari	21	- 1½		
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85		4.0	10.9
181	163	Charnd Phogs	181		5.0	23.8
385	292	Claremont Grt	316	- 1	3.0	17.6
287	189	Coats Viyella	205	+ 2	5.0	17.8
593	451	Courtauld Text	475	+ 3	3.8	21.4
159½	119	Dawson	131	- 2	2.9	
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	130½	- ½	1.6	18.4
52	32	Dixie Heath	37	+ 1	4.7	10.8
42	28	Drummond	28			12.5
25	15	Ebel	15			
80	72	Faupel	74		8.3	12.5
155	136	Forminster	148		2.7	
29	17	Foster (John)	18			
126	94	French (Thmas)	95		4.8	18.8
82	48	Gent SR	76	- 1	3.7	
113	73	Haggas	88½	- 1½	4.2	
70½	11	Hartstone	12	- ½	3.3	
33	25½	Helene Pic	26½	- ½	9.5	10.9
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	230		2.5	16.3
91	64	Honeysuckle	66		5.7	
90	48	Horace Small	88			
211	173	Jacques Vert	187		3.0	16.5
73	56	Jerome (S)	59		1.7	7.5
388	288	Jones Stroud	353		3.2	16.9
202½	132	Lambert	134		6.4	12.7
486	333	Lamont	365		4.3	12.1
340	265	Leeds	279		2.7	14.2
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66		7.6	13.9
101	68	Lyles (S)	79		5.5	8.2
26½	18½	Marling	25		3.3	44.8
17	10½	PEX	11			
266	163	Parkland	185		3.8	9.8
123	84	Pentland	100		3.6	19.8
75	53	Pickards	63		3.5	
112	66½	Readicut	67½	- 4½	8.4	11.3
98	72	Rexmore	74		4.8	7.7
96	43	Ricardo	43		8.7	
70	43	SEET	46			
180	87	Sherwood Grp	87		4.4	10.1
180	137½	Shiloh	149		2.9	9.1
146	96	Sirdar	98		6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	57		4.2	15.8
35	19	Strong & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
69	46	UK Select	46		7.1	11.3
132	105	Usher (Frank)	114		7.7	8.7
44	34	Vlad	34		3.9	10.4
108	42	Wearsun	105		3.4	15.3
289	239	Yorklyde	256		3.0	11.7

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
85	58	Air London	63		6.9	12.0
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	710½	- 4½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	281	- 1	2.2	22.4
541½	440	BAA	502½	- 3½	2.3	13.6
128	103½	Badgerline	122		4.2	
496½	344	Br Airways	378½	- 4½	3.6	10.1
108	75	Clarkson (H)	95		2.3	23.9
179	140	Dart	163	- 2	2.8	17.4
502½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	252	- 7		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	443	+ 3	2.2	20.7
231	156	GPT Bus	230		2.1	17.8
161	113	Go-Ahead	160		3.1	19.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	195	- 1	3.8	15.3
155	136½	Jeal Stean	139	+ 1	4.0	10.6
71	39	Jacobs (J)	66	- 2	3.1	
111	82	Lon O Seas Frs	83		5.8	1.9
534	373	Mersey Docks	373	- 3	3.2	18.1
251	157	NFC	172	- 2	5.1	26.4
347	245	Nat Express	305	- 1	3.2	17.6
348	244	Ocean Group	266		6.7	13.4
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	63		6.3	9.1
743	587	P & O Dfd	624	- 11	6.1	19.3
207	153	P & O 5.5%	206	- 1	3.3	
102	84	Seacon	98		3.0	22.3
218	158	Stagecoach	216		2.4	21.5
131	85½	TNT	111	- 3		
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	730	- 3	2.6	18.4
79	27	Tonoda	39			
527	197	TDG	218	- 6	5.4	14.6
136	98	Ugland	127½		3.1	
160	95	Utd Carriers	95		2.1	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	499	- 4	5.9	11.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	313		4.6	10.6
611	454	North West	540	- 13	5.3	8.1
751	508	Northumbrian	724	+ 1	4.4	7.8
645	457	Severn Trent	561	- 7	5.1	7.9
1848	1525	South Staffs	1648	+ 18	3.7	12.1
675	484	South West	496	- 7	6.4	7.3
682	466	Southern	584	- 4	4.9	8.4
611	434½	Thames	488	- 6	6.0	7.3
744	545	Welsh	662	- 6	4.8	7.3
379½	275½	Wessex	312	- 3	4.7	8.3
630	458	Yorkshire	540	- 5	5.3	7.9

Source: Finstat

£ = USM # = Price at suspension; † Ex dividend ‡ Ex scrip ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.



BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103⁹⁄₃₂	100⁹⁄₁₆	Tres 9% 1994	100⅝		8.99	...
107⅝	101⅜	Tres 12% 1995	101⅜	- ⅛	11.88	5.64
98⅞	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	98¼	..	3.04	5.81
107⅞	102¼	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅞		10.80	6.28
113¾	105¾	Tres 12¾% 1995	105⅝	...	12.05	6.56
117⅞	107¼	Tres 14% 1996	107⅞		12.99	6.88
121⅛	110¼	Tres 15¼% 1996	110⅝	- ⅛	13.74	7.15
117⅞	108⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅝	- ⅛	12.23	7.20
112½	103⅝	Conv 10% 1996	104⅜		9.58	7.58
121⅝	110⅜	Tres 13¼% 1997	110⅝	- ⅛	11.97	7.77
114⅜	104⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅜		9.98	7.78
110⅞	100⅝	Tres 8¾% 1997	101⅝		8.60	8.03
131⅝	116⅜	Exch 15% 1997	117⅝		12.78	8.13
114⅝	102⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅜		9.37	8.23
106⅝	95⅝	Tres 7¼% 1998	97⅜		7.46	8.21
102	93⅝	Tres 6¾% 1995-98	95⅝	- ⅛	7.06	8.24
131⅝	113⅝	Tres 15½% 1998-01	118⅝	- ⅛	12.00	8.40
140⅝	122	Tres 15½% 1998	123⅝	- ⅛	12.58	8.29
125⅝	110⅝	Exch 12% 1998	112		10.71	8.38
118⅝	101⅝	Tres 9½% 1999	103⅝		9.15	8.34
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
128⅝	111⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅝		10.78	8.41
121⅝	105⅝	Tres 10½% 1999	107⅝	+ ⅛	9.75	8.40
101⅝	88⅝	Tres 6% 1999	90⅝	+ ⅛	6.60	8.55
121⅝	104⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	107⅝	...	9.57	8.47
116⅝	99⅝	Conv 9% 2000	102⅝		8.80	8.43
138⅝	116⅝	Tres 13% 2000	119⅝		10.90	8.58
122⅝	103⅝	Tres 10% 2001	106⅝	+ ⅛	9.38	8.59
108⅝	89⅝	Tres 7% 2001	92⅝	+ ⅛	7.60	8.52
123⅝	102⅝	Tres 9¾% 2002	105⅝	- ⅛	9.20	8.65
113⅝	92⅝	Tres 8% 2003	96⅝		8.29	8.58
127⅝	104⅝	Tres 10% 2003	108⅝		9.25	8.64
129⅝	109⅝	Tres 11½% 2001-04	112⅝	+ ⅛	10.18	8.77
86⅝	69⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅝	+ ⅛	4.63	7.28
125⅝	101⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅝	...	8.98	8.59
105⅝	84⅝	Tres 6¾% 2004	88⅝	- ⅛	7.65	8.50

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
125½	102⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅝		8.94	8.56
143⅝	118⅝	Tres 12½% 2003-05	122⅝	+ ⅛	10.24	8.86
112⅝	90⅝	Tres 7¾% 2006	94⅝	- ⅛	8.21	8.49
111⅝	91⅝	Tres 8% 2002-06	95⅝	- ⅛	8.35	8.55
136⅝	112⅝	Tres 11¾% 2003-07	116⅝		10.11	8.87
119⅝	95⅝	Tres 8½% 2007	99⅝	- ⅛	8.53	8.52
151⅝	124⅝	Tres 13½% 2004-08	128⅝	+ ⅛	10.49	8.89
124⅝	99⅝	Tres 9% 2008	103⅝	- ⅛	8.67	8.50
LONGS (over 15 years)						
112⅝	91⅝	Tres 8% 2009	95⅝	- ⅛	8.36	8.49
126⅝	100⅝	Conv 9% 2011	104⅝	- ⅛	8.62	8.48
127⅝	100⅝	Tres 9% 2012	104⅝	+ ⅛	8.60	8.47
93⅝	71⅝	Tres 5½% 2008-12	74⅝	+ ⅛	7.38	8.24
117⅝	92	Tres 8% 2013	96⅝	+ ⅛	8.33	8.40
114⅝	89⅝	Tres 7¾% 2012-15	93⅝	- ⅛	8.29	8.41
128⅝	99⅝	Tres 8¾% 2017	103⅝	- ⅛	8.46	8.37
159⅝	126⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝	- ⅛	9.16	8.83
UNDATED						
64⅝	39⅝	War Ln 3½%	41⅝		8.41	
37⅝	27⅝	Tres 2½%	29⅝	+ ⅛	8.58	
INDEX-LINKED						
203⅝	197⅝	Tres IL 2% 1996	200⅝	+ ⅛	2.50	4.00
113⅝	105⅝	Tres IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅝	+ ⅛	2.76	3.63
176⅝	163⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2001	166⅝	+ ⅛	3.33	3.77
173⅝	159⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2003	162⅝	+ ⅛	3.45	3.80
118⅝	107⅝	Tres IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅝	+ ⅛	3.48	3.81
184⅝	165⅝	Tres IL 2% 2006	168⅝	+ ⅛	3.54	3.81
169⅝	148⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2009	152⅝	+ ⅛	3.61	3.83
175⅝	154⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2011	158	+ ⅛	3.63	3.84
146⅝	126⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2013	130⅝	+ ⅛	3.65	3.84
157⅝	134⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2016	139⅝	+ ⅛	3.68	3.85
152⅝	128⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2020	132⅝	+ ⅛	3.71	3.86
129⅝	106⅝	Tres IL 2½% 2024	110⅝	+ ⅛	3.70	3.83
128⅝	105⅝	Tres IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅝	+ ⅛	3.73	3.87

Joseph Connolly on the charm of the four-year-old Chelsea Book Fair for the private collector

Bear market brought to book

Although only four years old, the annual Chelsea Book Fair has quickly established itself as one of the most popular. Many are charmed by its relative intimacy, compared with the extremely grand Antiquarian Booksellers' Association Book Fair held every summer at Grosvenor House.

However, this highly respected body also mounts the Chelsea Fair and 70 booksellers from all over the country — all members of the association — will once again gather at Chelsea Old Town Hall for the two-day event, each of them offering for sale fine examples of their specialities.

Dealers and institutions from other parts of Europe and the United States regularly visit the fair, but it is the private collector and interested browser who is made especially welcome. The idea is *not* to promote a cliquish exclusivity, but to make the world of fine, collectable books accessible to all.

The range of books on show is quite dizzying and each one — in line with association requirements — has been carefully inspected and accurately described. The likelihood, of course, of picking up a treasure for a song is slight, but the customer is also shielded from paying an extortionate price for an inferior item.

Among so many dealers and so many books, ranging in price from tens of pounds to tens of thousands, it seems invidious to select just a few for special attention. But the sheer eclecticism of the books at Simon Finch Rare Books attracted me — a rare first edition of one of Jonathan Swift's notorious scatalogical poems, *The Lady's Dressing Room*, 1732 for £7,500, contrasted with a handwritten erotic love letter by Henry Miller to his aptly named lover, Brenda Venus (£400).

Highly desirable is a signed, presentation copy of Wordsworth's *Poems* (1807), which includes *Daffodils*, at £6,500. And which Beatles fan will secure so unique an oddity as a Penguin paperback of Kingsley Amis's *One Fat Englishman*, signed by John and Yoko (£185)?

Ulysses has become one of the country's leading dealers in modern first editions, and this year at Chelsea they are offering a mouthwatering selection of rarities including Patrick White's scarce first book *The Ploughman And Other Poems* (1935) in the dust wrapper at £3,500. Similarly hard to find is Henry Green's first novel of 1926, *Blindness* (in dust wrapper — £2,250), and Wyndham Lewis's *The Ideal Giant*, a 1917 first edition, in its splendid Vorticist cover, signed by the author and being offered for sale at £2,250.



Joseph Conrad: letters for sale

Most popular will probably be the first edition of Christopher Isherwood's *Sally Bowles* (in dust wrapper, £550) and one of the country's eternal favourites, *Winnie-the-Pooh*. This first edition — in slightly chipped dust wrapper — is offered at £695.

More everyday and affordable first editions are available from various other participating dealers, including Chelsea Rare Books, which has a first edition of Virginia Woolf's *A Haunted House* (1943, in a dust wrapper by Vanessa Bell) at £70.

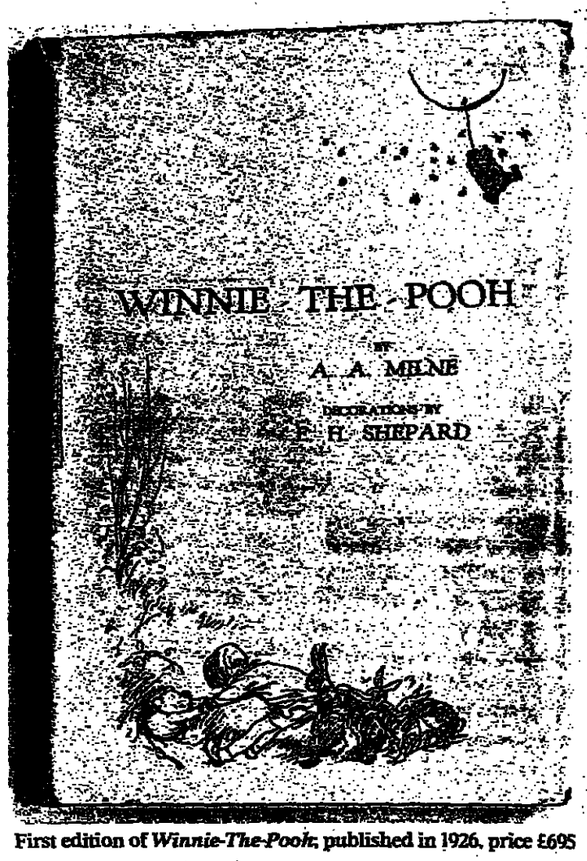
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The energy and enthusiasm at the Chelsea Book Fair is both contagious and memorable, and I can think of no interest or speciality that is not catered to — children's books, history, maps, prints, autographs, literature, colour plate books, food and drink, gardening, war, transport, art, topography, continental books, bindings, sets, first editions and ephemera.

The association is justly proud of its pooled depths of specialist knowledge, skills, information and experience, and is keen to help with the ever-tricky subject of valuations. Many members of the association and exhibitors are willing to give indications of value — whether or not a sale is being sought — or will advise on a more suitable dealer.

● *The writer is author of* Modern First Editions: Their Value To Collectors *(Little, Brown, £25). The Chelsea Book Fair 1994 is at Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3, on Friday, 2pm-8pm, Saturday, 11am-5pm. Admission is £3.*



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No names, just pack-drill

What does it take to keep an opera chorus happy? A bit of respect would be a start, Dilya Alberge discovers



JAMES MORGAN

Epic sounds on the Coliseum stage, but disquieting noises off: the English National Opera chorus rehearses for tomorrow night's opening of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*

My encounter in the London Coliseum's staff canteen with Dennis Marks, general director of the English National Opera, was an overture to the way opera choruses are generally underappreciated. I was discussing with one of ENO's chorisers how choruses are overshadowed by soloists, conductors and directors, when Marks approached us. Misunderstanding his press officer's introduction, he said to the chorus member, arm outstretched to shake her hand: "Dora, how nice to meet you." It is an unfortunate but revealing mistake, made perhaps at the end of a long day.

However, it is hard to understand how the top man at ENO can fail to recognise a member of his own company, a singer who has performed with ENO for seven seasons. It was pointed out in fairness that Marks has been with the company for only a year — and there are 600 people on the staff.

However, that same evening, I learnt that Francesca Zambello, making her ENO debut directing the new staging of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*, had taken the trouble to memorise the names of every chorister from their photographs, even before meeting them. The American opera and theatre director, whose previous productions range from Donizetti at the Met to *Tosca* at Earls Court, knew all of them (including the 20 children in the production) on the first day of their six weeks of rehearsing together. Zambello's approach, rare though it is, "showed somebody cares", says Charles Kraus, head of the chorus. "She's got them eating out of her hand."

But opera, he adds, has always been a showpiece for soloists to sing their arias. Nobody ever said: "Let's go and see the so-and-so chorus". No wonder every chorus member to whom I spoke mentioned the appreciation from the audience at *Macbeth* in Moscow in 1990. The Russians were so moved by the chorus that they leapt to their feet and gave them a noisy standing ovation. It stopped the performance. The chorus was so moved that many of them came offstage in tears.

Although the critics regularly applaud the ENO chorus, morale is generally low, according to one of its 70 choristers. "Management are trying to reduce chorus levels, to bring them down to 60. It's a sore point." For the past five years, chorus members have also had to negotiate pay and working conditions through Acas. Another member says that they are not meant to have less than an overnight 11½-hour break between finishing one opera and being called in to rehearsal the following morning. Although the rule is usually observed, it is broken: "Last Friday we finished *Magic Flute* at 10.30pm and were asked to come in next day at 9.30am. That cuts down the period to 11 hours. For people living in the suburbs, there was no time to get a full night's sleep." If they are treated like labourers, it is not surprising if they become clock-watchers.

> "It's like being a battery hen, woken up to lay eggs"

Another talks of the attitude of some managers that "we're singing scenery which costs a lot of money". They complain that even the chorus rehearsal room was taken away from them and turned into offices. "We rehearse in the bars, to a racket of people clattering things in the kitchen ... That's how we're treated." The company hopes to increase the rehearsal space in its proposed redevelopment.

But it is not just the management that seems parsimonious in its appreciation. It extends to directors. The choristers speak of the contrast between some directors and, for instance, Jonathan Miller, who gave every one of them a character and identity in the opera, or Zambella, "who gives us credit for having integrity as actors, and listens to our suggestions".

Without naming names, Findlay Wilson, a tenor who joined ENO in 1970, recalls those directors who come along unprepared: several adopt a haphazard "see-if-it-works" approach in rehearsal, boring the chorus with their indecision and hesitation. He recalls too that in various 1980s "progressive" productions, the chorus was viewed as "an unnecessary evil" by some directors, often relegated to somewhere behind a cluster of trees or the wings.

Jean Manning, a mezzo-soprano who has been with ENO for 35 years, speaks of directors who place the chorus at the back of the set "and expect them to pick up the beat". Raymund Dring, a tenor who joined ENO 20 years ago, says that some not only lack stagecraft skills, but do not know the music either.

In spite of this, they all stressed how much they love the job. And all talk of the excitement in working on *Khovanshchina*, opera at its most epic. It is a work in which the chorus — particularly large at 86 — plays a central role. The rarely performed five-act work is based on the turbulent political events surrounding the accession of Peter the Great in 1682 and the conspiracy orchestrated by Prince Ivan Khovansky, one of his most powerful enemies. Mussorgsky never finished the opera: in fact, he barely orchestrated it. The premiere in 1886 — five years after his death — was staged with a scoring by Rimsky-Korsakov. Shostakovich's 1959 reworking is the version used by ENO.

Such is the complexity of this opera that the chorus's rehearsal period is longer than usual. After four weeks working in ENO's studios in West Hampstead, it held the first rehearsal in the Coliseum itself, getting accustomed to the space, working out entrances and exits. Zambello sat at the back of the stalls, talking through much of the rehearsal to Nicola Bowie, head of movement, and Alison Chitty, whose designs include a real pool into which the murdered prince dramatically collapses. Occasionally, Zambello would interrupt to comment on the speed at which choristers entered, or to ask them to space out more.

> "Most of the chorus have tried to make it as soloists"

Kraus feels that audiences often fail to realise the amount of work that goes into the chorus. In a gruelling schedule, one day earlier this month, they rehearsed in the evening for three hours, with a break of only 15 minutes. Later in the week, there were two rehearsals a day, plus performances in the evening. Often the choristers are doing several operas simultaneously, rehearsing two and learning two more. Dring says that he likes to take an afternoon nap between the two: "It's like being a battery hen, woken up twice a day to lay two eggs. It's physically tiring."

Like the poor bloody infantry universally, they also endure long periods of waiting around between acts. In the six-hour *Meistersinger*, for example, the chorus has a break of up to three hours. Some people go home; others catch a West End film. For a few, it is a chance to rehearse solo parts. Some have cameo roles or understudy parts to learn, or they prepare concerts outside ENO.

At any one time, there are usually up to 20 chorus members hoping to get their big break. Mark Richardson is among numerous British singers who did. Hoping to follow in their footsteps, Helena Leonard, a soprano and graduate of Trinity and the Guildhall, has decided to leave ENO after this season. For her, being a chorister is a stepping-stone to becoming a soloist: learning the repertoire and stagecraft, taking cameo roles, understudying.

"Most who've ended up as choristers have tried to make it as a soloist and failed," one chorus member says. "Otherwise, they are bringing up a family and have a mortgage. This is a more reliable source of work, a steady income."

On the next occasion you are moved at the opera, lend those at the back of the stage a particularly sharp ear and send them a special chorus of approval. It may bring tears to their eyes.

● Khovanshchina *opens at the London Coliseum (071-632 8300) tomorrow at 6.30pm*

CONCERT

Chilly at the top

Bavarian RSO/Maazel
Barbican

THE second concert in the *Great Orchestras of the World* autumn season brought the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Lorin Maazel to the Barbican. Since its foundation in 1949 by Eugen Jochum, this has been an orchestra of the highest calibre, a reputation consolidated in the decade-long tenure of Colin Davis as music director.

The orchestra's determination to stay at the top of the international league was confirmed by its performance of *Mahler's Ninth Symphony on* Sunday night. The playing in every department was secure, expressive and refined. Few composers' scores are more revealing of an orchestra's strengths and weaknesses than those of Mahler's, but the Bavarians passed with flying colours, the many instrumental solos — whether two bars long or a page — delivered with dependable accuracy.

Orchestral timbres were for the most part hard and uningratiating, however: partly a result of the hall's unyielding acoustic and partly of Maazel's utterly unsentimental approach to the work. The first movement, taken at a very deliberate pace, was notable for its clear textures, but also its strongly characterised musical ideas, which were expounded with an austerity that seemed merciless.

The composer's marking for the second-movement Ländler is "somewhat clumsy and very coarse", and there was very little elegance on display here: it was a lumbering peasant dance with no affection and very little humour, except of the boorish variety. If this seemed heavy going, it was nothing compared with the Rondo Burleske, which was as grittily abrasive as it was possible to be. This is undoubtedly a valid reading, for the movement represents Mahler in his most grotesque, most bitterly satirical mood. Less satisfactory was the minimal perception of great events in this movement — in particular, the D major visionary episode, with horns and trumpets suddenly blazing against a background of tremolo strings and flutter-tongued flutes.

Maazel's reading of the noble, tranquil finale offered few compromises. The passionate tutti string passages had an intensity to match that of the earlier movements, but there was little consolation here, rather a sense of bending to the inevitable. Not an interpretation to appeal on account of its warmth, but one wholly consistent with its own rigorous premises and superbly executed.

BARRY MILLINGTON



Maazel: gives an utterly unsentimental reading

NEW MUSIC: In Huddersfield, a happy surprise from Hamburg, while Maxwell Davies presents a gripping, real-life thriller

String-driven things

ALWAYS open to new ideas, the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival often makes happy discoveries. One of this year's, brought to the attention of festival director Richard Steinitz by no less distinguished a messenger than György Ligeti, was **The String Thing** — a quartet of string players from Hamburg who improvise music in a stylistic area somewhere between Bartók and Grappelli.

It is a new sound not so much because of its resourceful instrumental colouring as because of the changing textural profile secured by the two leading personalities, the violinist Nicola Kruse and the five-string violist Mike Rutledge, as they turn in opposite directions to inspire rival partnership with their cello or double-bass colleagues.

The first British appearance of The String Thing at the Lawrence Batley Theatre followed not very successful concert by the **Cambridge New Music Players** in St Paul's Hall. This was largely a problem of programming. Under the direction of Paul Hoskins, the ensemble played some difficult scores to impressive effect but not always to the mutual advantage.

Edward Dudley Hughes's *Aurea* followed unhappily on Maxwell Davies's sinewy *Antecrist* and, though less than uniformly well sung by Amanda Dean, Harrison Birtwistle's *Songs by Myself* made everything round them seem clumsy. The fittest survivor was James Clapperton's *The Preiching of the Swallow*, which has a visionary quality in the virtuoso twittering which passes from the solo violin (the tireless Sharleen Harshenin) to the ensemble in exchange for some interestingly long-drawn melodic lines.

HAVING put much time and money into what must be its most ambitious project so far, the **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group** was no doubt relieved to find that it had been rewarded by an all but full house in the Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham. If the audience was swollen by followers of Birmingham Royal Ballet, curious to see what its dancers would do in Stravinsky's *Renard*, the instrumental ensemble clearly has its supporters, not least when Simon Rattle conducts.

Having brought Colin Matthews's *Hidden Variables* into the world five years ago, the BCMG could be tolerably certain of finding another winner in the same composer's ... *through the glass*. The new score is not, on the surface, as subtle as *Hidden Variables* but it does have a broad melodic interest of a kind which is rare in contemporary music.

The opening section is a long and defiantly emphatic monody, a near unison involving all 13 of the strings and wind and illuminated with added splashes of colour from piano, harp and percussion. A tender little chorale on muted strings then goes on to outshine the opening material in a heroically scored grandioso at the end.

In a concert which included so many good things, it might have been wiser to omit one of the two Birtwistle pieces in the first half. *The Fields of Sorrow* and *Meridian* do go very well together, however, and — with accomplished performances from the BBC Singers and particularly from the soprano soloist, Mary King, in *Meridian* — they will make a valuable contribution to BBC Radio 3's *Birtwistle at 60* series when the concert is broadcast next year.

But most of the audience was waiting for *Renard*. Wittily choreographed by Oliver Hindle, the dance element was possibly too elegant for the rough-and-ready ethos of the music. But it was so beautifully done that nobody, surely, could object to that any more than to Simon Rattle's authentic and irresistible interpretation of Stravinsky's score and the colourful contributions of the BCMG and the four expert vocal soloists.

GERALD LARNER

Dark secrets in the lighthouse

To hear a living composer speak through his art as vividly and variedly as does Sir Peter Maxwell Davies cheers the heart. His opera *Resurrection*, recently revived in Manchester on the composer's sixtieth birthday, is a wonderfully extravagant, punchy work, about mass social manipulation. However, **The Lighthouse** (staged at Huddersfield last weekend) is a quite different piece, concerned with isolation, claustrophobia, dark pasts and madness. It is a gripping thriller, based on the real-life tale of three lighthouse keepers who disappeared without explanation from the Flannan Isle lighthouse in the Outer Hebrides in 1900. As often with Davies, the music hides its structural sophistication through its immediacy and pertinence, helped by a jolly good, if double-edged, song or three.

Michael McCarthey's production for Music Theatre Wales is admirably straightforward, with the designer Simon Banham's edifice of tripod, ladder and stairs sufficing for a set and Ace McCarron's lighting menacingly blinking at the audience at critical moments.

The acting was excellent. Philip Creasy, as the rather gentle Sandy (and, in the Prologue, Officer 1), sometimes sounded rather strained, but Kelvin Thomas, also the Voice of the Cards and Officer 3, was frighteningly ardent as the fundamentalist Arthur, while the pent-up, frustrated wildness in the aptly named character of Blazes found equal conviction in the tortured performance of Henry Herford, who also sang Officer 2. Michael Rafferty conducted the small, colourful chamber group with astute dramatic awareness.

The performance took place at the newly refurbished and reopened Lawrence Batley Theatre. This little auditorium is a gem, perfect for contemporary chamber opera.

Meanwhile at the Festival Hall in London Davies conducted a pleasant evening's music — not just his own — with a sturdy rather than brilliant **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**, of which he is associate conductor, celebrating yet again that sixtieth birthday. His affable presentation and friendly programming draws goodly sized audiences these days. He began with Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis*, because "I loved this music as a kid". To judge from this caressing performance, he loves it still. John Ireland's Piano Concerto, a challenging, obsessive work, rather overloaded with sentiment, was played scintillatingly by Kathryn Stott.

Of Davies's own music there was the Concert Suite from Act I of the ballet *Caroline Mathilde*, another score of stunning immediacy, while the celebratory *A Spell for Green Corn*, a set of dances for solo violin (Jonathan Carney) and orchestra, sent everyone home happy, the more so because the programme announced Davies's millennium programme of commissions, which includes his Sixth Symphony in 1996. The RPO might not be London's best orchestra, but for enterprise and tenacity it takes some beating.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Dying of the light: from left, Kelvin Thomas, Philip Creasy and Henry Herford in *The Lighthouse*

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NEW ENGLAND. The RSC premieres its sixth Richard Nelson play tonight: a family of English exiles are brought together by disaster and must assess the world passing them by. Peter Gill directs.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm, opens Nov 29, 7pm.

RICHARD ALSTON. London gets its first chance to view the combined talents of the choreographer's new company this week. Two of the four works, *Lachrymae* and *Movements from Petrushka* — the latter starring the superb Darshan Singh Bhuller — were first performed by the now defunct London Contemporary Dance Theatre. Alston's new pieces are *Shadow Realm* and a combination of jazz and world music in *Something in the City*.
Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight-Dec 3, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH: Nigel Hawthorne directs and stars as Lord Ogleby in **The Clandestine Marriage** by George Colman, the elder and David Garrick. Last stop on a brief tour prior to a run in the West End.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844). Tonight, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats today and Sat, 2.30pm.

CANTERBURY: Artistic director Christopher Gable moves **Northern Ballet Theatre** into seasonal mode with a week's performance of *A Christmas Carol*. Choreographed by the award-winning Massimo Moricone; Carl Davis conducts.
Marlowe, The Friars (0227 787787). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Next stop Cardiff (0222 394844), with *Swan Lake*.

HUDDERSFIELD: Tonight's highlight of the invigorating **Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival** is a classic piece of music-theatre from 1969. Maxwell Davies conducts the Goldberg Ensemble and dancer Tom Yang for his modern Passion *Vesalii Icones*. William Conway is the cello soloist. Tomorrow afternoon, Maxwell Davies's barren Orkney landscapes are conjured up in *Image, Reflection, Shadow* in a programme that also includes Paul Max Edlin's *Five Fantastic Islands* and Birtwistle's *Cantata*. Later on, the contemporary Siobhan Davies Dance Company joins a composers workshop.
Box Office: 0484 430528. Until Nov 27.

YORK: English Touring Opera moves into the penultimate week of its autumn tour with performances of a quite surreal *Orpheus and Eurydice* and a second outing for Thomas de Mallet Burgess's popular production of *La Bohème*.
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (0904 623568). Orpheus Wed and Fri, Bohème Thurs and Sat 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth. Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141). **British Museum:** Prints of the Barbizon School (071-636 1555) .. **Hayward:** The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144). **National Portrait Gallery:** The Sitwells, Christina Rossetti (071-306 0055) .. **National Gallery:** The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) .. **Royal Academy:** The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) .. **Tate:** Turner Prize Finalists (071-887 8000) ... **V & A:** Mexican Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **HAMLET.** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

◪ **LANDSCAPE.** Pinter's production of his 1967 shortish play for two characters (Ian Holm and Penelope Wilton), interweaving the vital scenes of their memories.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens today, 5.45pm. Then most daysuntil Dec 6.

◪ **MOLLY SWEENEY.** Brian Friel directs his own superb play. Catherine Byrne, Mark Lambert and T P McKenna voice feelings to do with blindness, illusion and much more.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Dec 23.

□ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

■ **OLIVER!** Lavish Cameron Mackintosh revival of the Bart musical. Returns only until at least Jan 9.
Palladium, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 8, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **ON APPROVAL.** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **OUT OF THE BLUE:** Opening night for this sung-through musical drama, composed by Shun Ichi-Tokura with libretto by Paul Sand. David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN:** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **THE QUEEN AND I:** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Not as subversive as one might expect. Max Stafford Clark directs.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE.** Patricia Hodge's crystal vowels perfectly suit the role of Muriel Spark's inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher and carry Alan Strachan's revival across the dodgier scenes.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **RAISING FIRES:** Dominic Dromgoole directs this LWT prize-winning play by Jenny McLeod. Set in 16th-century Essex where an arsonist is at large and the town's first and only black woman is suspected.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Nov 25, 7pm.

◪ **RUTHERFORD AND SON.** Bob Peck plays the implacable father of the firm and head of the family in welcome revival of Githa Sowerby's excellent play, dating from 1912. Katie Mitchell directs.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2253). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Final week.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille are a cast fit for the gods as the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **AIRHEADS** (15): Anarchic, good-natured rock'n'roll comedy, with Steve Buscemi, Adam Sandler, Brendan Fraser and Joe Mantegna.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CLEAN, SHAVEN: Clever but gruelling exploration of schizophrenia from first-time director Lodge Kerrigan.
ICA (071-930 3647)

FINAL COMBINATION (18): Inept thriller about an LA psychopath, with Michael Madsen, Lisa Bonet and Gary Stretch. Director, Nigel Dick.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **I LOVE TROUBLE** (PG): Romantic comedy thriller that fails to match its vintage Hollywood models. With Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MY FAIR LADY (U): Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn and Edwardian finery galore.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

SECOND BEST (12): Absorbing, low-key tale of two damaged lives healing, with William Hurt as the Welsh postmaster eager to adopt a difficult boy. Director, Chris Menges.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SHADOW** (12): Laboured adventures of the 1930s crimefighter, with Alec Baldwin, John Lone and Penelope Ann Miller. Director, Russell Mulcahy.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

CURRENT

THE BROWNING VERSION (15): Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis.
Plaza (0800 888997)

DREAM LOVER (18): James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be. Nicholas Kazan's cool, over-stylised psychological thriller.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, with Tom Hanks.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **NFT** (071-928 3232) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU** (PG): A timely if bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. Director, Andrew Bergman.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

THEATRE: A fine play comes to the West End; and a musical is carved from a classic movie

DONALD COOPER



Appealing performances in a superbly observed portrayal of gay life: Anthony Calf and John Sessions in Kevin Elyot's *My Night with Reg*

Not a dry agenda in the house

My Night with Reg
Criterion

If I report that Kevin Elyot's play involves six homosexuals, and includes two deaths from Aids, what expectations are aroused? Maybe this will be a piece of gay polemic, like Larry Kramer's *Normal Heart*. Maybe it will be yet another coming-out play, like Jonathan Harvey's current *Beautiful Thing* or Brad Fraser's *Poor Super Man*. Maybe it will be anguished or sentimental, bleakly comical or stridently angry, celebratory or camp. Almost certainly it will treat homosexuality as an "issue", a source of joy or pain to the gay minority and a challenge to everyone else.

Not this time. *My Night with Reg*, though far from bland, has no agenda. It presents us with a world where homosexuality is an uncontroversial, uncontentious fact of everyday life. To the outsider that world seems alien in rather the same sense that Chekhov's Russia seems alien to a non-Russian. The men on show have slightly exotic habits, such as kissing when meeting or leaving each other. They also have particular fears, since a disease still more serious than 19th-century cholera is sporadically rampant. But it is a world where people are coping with love, jealousy, ageing, loneliness, grief and all the old human problems in all the old human ways.

But that makes the piece sound ordinary and earnest, which it isn't. Elyot may not yet be Chekhov, but he writes with a warmth and humour all his own. You know you are in good hands from the opening exchange. "I was just stiffening some egg whites," says David Bamber's Guy, nervously grinning at the old friend he has invited home for dinner, Anthony Calf's laid-back John. He is nominally apologising for the apron he is wearing, but his flustered, flummoxed air suggests something less banal.

As anyone can attest who saw his snobbish German bourgeois in Sternheim's *Schippel*, Bamber is one of our finest yet least recognised comic actors. Here, he outdoes even himself, twitching and wincing and obsessively pushing back his hair in what is eventually revealed as an agony of embarrassed hope. He is the nice, kind chap everybody likes and nobody wants. He certainly does not possess the courage to cast aside the door-sausage cover he is knitting ("quite therapeutic") and tell John he has been wanly in love with him since they were at university 20 years ago.

The emotional complexities now proceed to proliferate. Indeed, it strikes me that a cast consisting entirely of gay men, like this, brings with it dramatic advantages not available to a writer dealing with a numerically identical split of male and female. Here, anybody may get off with anybody. Sexual tensions can crop up anywhere. More specifically, Guy can hanker for John and make an inept pass at young Eric, who rejects him with "it'd be like snogging with my Mum". John can be having a quiet affair with Reg, who lives with Daniel and has seduced both Eric and, unknown to each other, the quasi-married Bernie and Benny.

Sounds over-elaborate? Don't worry, for Elyot paces his revelations with wit and skill. He also knows how to create a good role. John Sessions has a fine time with Daniel, an impulsive extrovert with a capacity for both fidelity and self-destruction. Kenneth MacDonald's Benny, an amiably loutish bus driver, and Roger Frost's Bernie, a primly boring plastic-cup salesman, might be any of a zillion heterosexual couples, wearily tolerating each other out of habit and residual affection.

They are funny, very funny, but not only funny, for "a night with Reg" turns out to be a perilous affair. Reg is clearly a kind of male Circe, but he remains offstage, actually dying of Aids a third of the way through Roger Michell's production. This darkens the play, but neither histrionics nor attitudinising is the result. Plague or no plague, these people have to get on with the difficult business of existing, just like the rest of us.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Reach for the stairs

Stairway to Heaven
King's Head, N1

THOSE of us who rate *A Matter of Life and Death* among our favourite films can name a dozen or more incidents that stay firmly lodged in our memories. The ping-pong ball suspended in mid-air when earthly time stops: the naked boy, most surprisingly for 1946, playing his flute among the sand dunes: every appearance by Marius Goring as the 18th-century dandy deputed to escort David Niven to heaven.

But the one unforgettable image is the great golden escalator that stretched from earth to infinity, carrying Niven and Goring up between an endless succession of statues. This escalator gives its title to the musical derived from the film by Thomas Morgan and Kevin Metchear. And anyone familiar with the restrictions of the King's Head stage will guess that a glimpse of infinity is one thing we aren't going to get. We are offered a filmed shot of half a dozen stone balusters. I would have preferred to have seen nothing that hinted at what we were missing.

Much else is missing too, of course, and engaging a cast of 16 has meant severe economy in the area of design. But viewed in its own terms as a chamber musical the piece generates a period charm that is ultimately engaging.

The music and lyrics are resolutely period, mostly love songs with lots of words to a line, where birds are singing, bells are ringing, and the imagery recalls all those wartime ballads where separated lovers hope to meet again. The duty of the pianist (Nick Finlow) is to keep up with the words, playing more or less what the singers sing, with some variations to give lightness or weight.

However, within this format the lyrics allow themselves adroit and playful rhymes, particularly when love is being defended by characters who are not themselves in love and can afford to be fanciful. "The love that makes Bing Crosby croon a verse/That's the love that rules the universe."

Tunes almost write themselves to lines like that, but there is an added pleasure in watching Martin Connor, excellent as the French dandy, and Michael Medwin, the hero's doctor, stepping in unison along the stage like a twosome from intimate revue.



Clean-cut romance: Fiona Sinnott and Gary Cady

The central love affair comes into being when Squadron Leader Peter Carter, nursing his crippled Lancaster back across the Channel, hears over the airwaves the anxious voice of June, a radio-operator back at base. Gary Cady catches an air of articulate bravery — deep-feeling glazed with charm — epitomising the RAF wartime legend; and he and Fiona Sinnott play this scene so truthfully that it is a rude shock to be thrust into the anteroom of heaven where six airmen, unimpaired by death, sing about that wonderland where all our dreams come true. The show takes a while to recover from this.

Dan Crawford's direction has its peculiar moments. When the ambulancemen, too embarrassed to mention the doctor's death, bow their heads in silent grief I could not decide if he was sending up cliché or reminding us of the British reticence that causes such mirth when we come across it in old movies. But overall a decent stab at a work I had thought impossible to convert from its original.

JEREMY KINGTON

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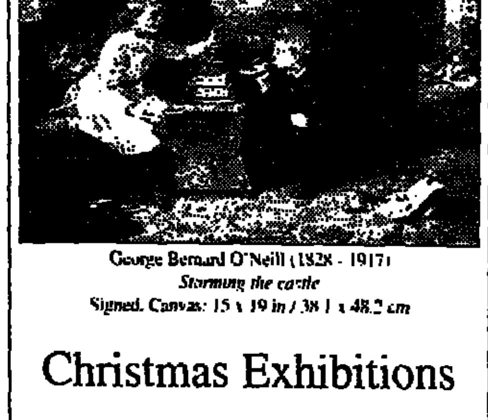
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CINEMA: **David Robinson** visits a Paris tribute to the vision and the films of Charles Pathé

Something to crow about

The winter exhibition at the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris is dedicated to "Pathé, le premier empire du cinéma". At first sight it might seem odd for an art institution to celebrate a great industrial enterprise; but Pathé has a special place in French history.

At its zenith the Pathé empire could compare with that of Ford or Krupp ("Only the armaments industry makes profits like ours," Pathé said). As early as 1914 it was said that the firm's sales of films to Germany had brought back more than the reparations paid after the Franco-Prussian War.

Of far greater significance than the economic miracle, though, is the contribution of an estimated 5,000 films made and disseminated by Pathé to the corpus of 20th-century French culture.

Charles Pathé was the archetypal 19th-century success story. Born in 1863, he would recall, bitterly, a loveless childhood and the obsessive frugality of Pathé senior, a butcher who fed his family on offal and made Charles and his mother share the same pair of shoes.

Charles went off to seek his fortune in South America, but returned home chastened and accepted a job as a clerk at six francs a day. In August 1894 he saw a phonograph being demonstrated at the fair at Vincennes. Borrowing 700 francs to buy a phonograph and cylinders, he and his new wife took a horsebus to the Montmartre fair, where they urged people to listen through tubes to the piping tones of the "talking machine".

The first day's takings were 25 francs, and within six months the young couple had saved enough on the fairgrounds to open a shop, where they sold phonographs and cylinders imported from Lyon. It was also in Lyon that Pathé bought a kinetoscope from Robert William Paul, who was counterfeiting the Edison motion picture peepshow in his Hyde Park Garden workshop. Thus launched in the film business, Pathé quickly acquired a camera to shoot his own motion pictures.

In 1896 Charles and his younger brother Emile, combining inheritances from their parents, established the firm of Pathé Frères. For several years the phonograph continued to represent the largest and most stable part of the enterprise; and it inspired the famous trademark of the cock — "Il chante clair!"

By 1900, however, the industrial possibilities of the cinema were already evident. Charles handed over the talking-machine business to Emile, in order to build the first great cinema empire.

Emile ensured that his company controlled every aspect of production, distribution and exhibition. Pathé factories made the raw film, cameras and projectors. The films were shot in the Pathé studios at Vincennes, with Pathé contract artists. Processed and printed in the Pathé laboratories, they were finally exhibited in opulent Pathé-owned picture palaces, using Pathé projectors and with sound effects produced by special Pathé-manufactured machines. For the classier theatres the films might be exquisitely coloured: the process was carried out, frame by frame, by 200 women.

Pathé had branches in 50 countries; and in Russia and Japan it produced some of the first significant indigenous films. The firm's power in the pre-1914 years was supreme. In 1908 it claimed to be selling three times as many films in America as all the American producers together. In Britain Pathé ruled the market, forcing a universal reduction of film prices in 1906 and in 1913 unilaterally decreeing the end of outright sales of films in favour of the rental system that still prevails today.

As early as 1900 Charles Pathé announced "the cinema is the theatre, the school and the newspaper of tomorrow". In 1908 he launched a newsreel, *Pathé Journal*, with special English, American, German, Russian and other foreign editions. The newsreel continued into the 1970s: many cinemagoers still recall the crowing cock announcing a *Pathé Pictorial*. The Pathé newsreel archives now represent the most important single source of historic actuality film.

Pathé's American-produced successes included the comedies of Harold Lloyd and the adventures of the serial queen Pearl White. By the end of the First World War, however, the empire was already on the wane, eclipsed by the might of Hollywood. Pathé responded by developing the home movie market, notably with the 9.5mm Pathé-Baby.

The Depression dealt disastrous blows. A certain Bernard Natan, who had taken control of the company in the course of reorganisations in the late 1920s, was found guilty, with his associates, after 24 million francs went missing. His case was not assisted, in the prevailing atmosphere of anti-Semitism, by the revelation that he was a Romanian Jew originally called Natan Tanenzapf. Poor Natan was finally taken from Paris in September 1942, to die in Auschwitz.

Charles Pathé himself lived to the age of 94. The historian Georges Sadoul, who visited him at the end of his life, recalled that he repeated over and over again: "Oh the money I have made with the cinema, M Sadoul! What money I have made!"

Pathé's chanteclair rose again, to survive to this day, thanks to various industrial alignments and alliances (including, in recent years, Cannon and Pareti). In 1990 the company was acquired by the Chargeurs group, a shipping company that diversified into textiles and communications. More than a century earlier Charles Pathé had travelled to Buenos Aires on a Chargeurs ship.

The Pompidou Centre shows off the glittering detritus of this hundred-year industrial activity in a setting decorated with electric stars in a blue gauze heaven. The mass is as bewildering as it is dazzling — a barrage of posters, photographs, old machines, legal documents, letters, souvenirs, costumes, designs, models and three working cinemas, evoking styles of the 1910s, 1930s and 1950s.

Personal memorabilia recalls the vigorous private life of Charles Pathé. A connoisseur of pretty women (as early company personnel policy testified), he was also a caring father to the far-flung illegitimate progeny his predilection produced. A unique silver Baby-Pathé projector in the exhibition was apparently made as a present for one of them.

But the most substantial legacy of the empire is the films, featuring successive generations of France's great movie icons: Michel Simon, Jean Gabin, Simone Signoret, Arletty, Jules Berry, Charles Boyer, Alain Delon. Between now and the new year the Centre is presenting a cycle of 300 Pathé films ranging from the inspired comedies of Max Linder and the prestigious "films d'art" of 1910, to the apogee of *Les Enfants du Paradis*, and the 1960s co-productions *La Dolce Vita* and *The Leopard*.

● Pathé, le premier empire du cinéma *is at the Pompidou Centre (010 33 4277 1233) until March 6*



Before the First World War, Pathé Frères made film-making an industry; long after it, the company made classics such as *Les Enfants du Paradis*



In 1900, Charles Pathé declared "the cinema is the theatre, the school and the newspaper of tomorrow"

As black as they're painted

Jamie James goes to a New York exhibition devoted to the black man in art, and comes away disgusted

The Whitney Museum of American Art appears to be engaged in a continuing mission to prove just how hollow and disappointing "educational" art shows can be. At the last Biennial in 1993 the museum assembled a massive monument to the current American obsession with victimisation. The curatorial premise of the show seemed to be that all Americans who are not people of colour (to use the nomenclature of the moment), or female, or gay, devote themselves tirelessly to tormenting the noble, long-suffering folks who do belong to those categories.

Everyone hated it, or near enough. Even left-wing publications such as *The Village Voice* were aghast at the mindless overkill of the exhibition. The stupidity of its underlying assumptions, that suffering makes an artist, and that morality is linked to gender and race, became obvious even to true believers.

Now the Whitney is repaving the road to hell with a refined, toned-down model of the Biennial. "Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary American Art", which will be on display until next March, has made the shattering discovery that black men are more complex than the stereotypes perpetrated about them. Zounds! Next they will be telling us that the world is round.

A brochure given to visitors asserts that the works of art in the show "challenge stereotypes and provide an expansive approach that treats black masculinity as complex and varied". If only it were so. In fact, with a few exceptions, the works in "Black Male" reveal the artists' obsessive preoccupation with how they suppose white people view them. A good case in point is Adrian Piper's image of a hip, glowering black man, which carries the legend: "I embody everything you most hate and fear."

Now, how in the world can the artist know what I hate and fear? Is it not possible that I love black males? The presumption of many of these artists, however much they may cloak themselves in defensive irony, is that they can read the minds and discern the evil motives of people they don't know. But the artists are intelligent people. Surely they know that not all white Americans are evil, and occasionally think about something besides how much they despise black people. After a prolonged exposure to these works, one begins to sense that, lurking in the rage of these artists, there must be some recognition of how ludicrous their obsession with race must appear.

For, make no mistake, their rage is real and well-founded. Racism and bigoted portrayals of the black male are persistent evils in the United States, which 40 years of civil rights legislation have not erased. However, it is difficult to see how this exhibit will ameliorate matters. The only people likely to see it are white liberals in search of guilt, who will not go away disappointed, and black people looking for positive images of their people, who will. But its simplistic level of discourse and the absence of any really shocking material suggest that the target audience is schoolchildren, who will be dragged to the Whitney in groups and then be made to write essays about what they have learnt.

What they will learn, it seems, is that the black male is an angry, pathetic loser, obsessed with sex, waiting for the white devils to bind and gag him, beat him, murder him, crucify him. Again, there are exceptions: portraits of black men by Leon Golub and Barkley Hendricks have power and dignity. But black children who see this exhibition will be driven to the inevitable conclusion that their lives are hopeless.

The Whitney claims that "Black Male" gives exposure to "voices that have been unnecessarily silenced, ignored, and constrained by stereotypes". However, the film and video programme that accompanies the exhibition mostly concentrates on exploitation films and trashy popular culture, including "ignored" material such as Snoop Doggy Dogg music videos, Nike sneaker adverts, and the amateur video of the Rodney King beating.

If any voices are being silenced or ignored, they belong to those black artists who actually think about something besides race relations, but who will never be taken seriously in the sloganeering climate promoted by exhibitions such as this.



Fear on show: *Special Assistant to the President*, by Robert Arneson

DANCE

It ain't got that swing



DEE CONWAY

An incessant desire to charm: Chèrice Barton and Edgar Zendejas in Mauricio Wainrot's *Swing the Cat*

Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal
Sadler's Wells

HOW neat it would be if Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal offered a straightforward fusion of ballet and jazz. They themselves, though, say their style defies categorisation". Having just seen the first of their two programmes, I would go further: they might be unclassifiable, but jazzy they are not — at least not until the final piece, *Swing the Cat* by the company's director Mauricio Wainrot, and even that looks more like an aerobics class.

The music, too, is a puzzle. The Isles and the Penguin Café Orchestra may be popular, but I do not think they count as jazz. Nor does Keith Jarrett's score for Jennifer Mullin's *Lovers*: impressionistic piano phrases that reach the ears like warmed-up leftovers from Debussy's plate. Still, at first glance the company strikes me as a whole lot more appealing than on its previous visit: less bland in its choreography, more varied.

Jane Kudelka's selection of Beatles songs for *Ghosts* opts most for the melodious numbers. He also begins with what must rate as one of the most perverse responses to music in the history of dance: Barishnikov in beige Highland dress performing balletic jumps and sliding runs to the song *Penny Lane*". But between that solo and its closing counterpart for Susan Gaudreau to "Here Comes The Sun", arrive sharply crafted shiningly original cameos for trios and duos. A couple entwining over and with a prostrate man brings a vivid visual dimension to the lyrics "come together right now over me".

Like Kudelka, Jennifer Muller makes the dancers look talented, attractive and modern-balletic (Kudelka includes pointe work). *Lovers*, a series of four pas de deux, inspired by Gustav Klimt's voluptuous paintings, seems to chart the evolution of the sexual encounter. Muller uses space like a canvas, marking big, stretched curves and lines like broad brushstrokes that seem to linger, momentarily imprinted, after the movement has ended. But, for all its permutations, the choreography is not contrasted enough to prevent monotony eventually settling in.

Intended as an upbeat finale, Wainrot's *Swing the Cat* (to the Penguin Café Orchestra) has an incessant desire to charm and no substance. The vocabulary is trite and ungainly; endless groupings, entries and exits produce little effect. And, for once, the dancers look awkward, allowing crooked seams to show, as on a clumsily made dress.

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THEATRE: In Toronto, the stage thrives despite a fast-food culture, says **Matt Wolf**

Canada's taste for drama and doughnuts

Toronto has less theatre than London, perhaps because everyone is too busy eating doughnuts. Throughout the city, neon signs vie with one another in promising "the best donut and cup of coffee in town," even as video superstores provide free popcorn while customers make their choices. In this context, it is surprising that theatre thrives at all, since the culinary competition is rampant in a way it could never be in London.

What sort of theatre is on offer? A schizophrenic assortment: half English, half American, and, very occasionally, thoroughly Canadian — the last represented in the inexplicable success of **Nothing Sacred**, a dismal adaptation by George F. Walker of Turgenev's 1861 novel, *Fathers and Sons*. Now featuring a cast of Canadian television names, none of whom looks remotely at home with the period or the style, the play has been running on and off for six years and would seem on recent evidence to be long past its sell-by date.

More recognisably British are the theatre festivals at Stratford, Ontario, and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Their collective repertoire is comparable to the Royal Shakespeare Company's and the National Theatre's, not least in an increasing devotion — for both aesthetic and commercial reasons — to musicals. On one recent Saturday, a theatregoer could have seen **The Pirates of Penzance** at Stratford, starring Colm Feore — a name known to film-goers who saw his acclaimed performance in *32 Short Films about Glenn Gould* — or **Lady, Be Good!** at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At Stratford for a matinee, I opted to see Feore cast somewhat against type as the romantic lead in a Molière double-bill, **The Imaginary Cuckold** and **The School for Husbands**, which will transfer to Broadway's Roundabout Theatre early next year under the title, *The Molière Plays*. The invaluable star is the British actor Brian Bedford, a Stratford regular for more than a decade and an alumnus of Maggie Smith's illustrious regime there.

Bedford had a New York success last year — and won a Tony Award nomination — playing the title role in Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens* in a Michael Langham production also launched at Stratford. Again directed by Langham, he is on equally solid, if funnier, ground in the Molière works. In the curtain-raiser, he appears shrunken and wispy-haired to play the cuckolded Sganarelle, whose "dark suspicions" are the comic antithesis to those in **Othello**, concurrently in the Stratford repertoire.

In *The School for Husbands*, Bedford transforms himself to play another Sganarelle, this one a guardian who wants his ward, Isabelle (Olivia Birkelund) for himself. Typically for Molière, the character's own duplicity only succeeds in eliciting the duplicity in others, all of which Bedford accompanies with enough double and triple takes to delight an audience happily fed at the interval on blueberry pie and chicken breast on a kaiser roll. (This is North America, after all.)



Bound for Broadway: from left, Brian Bedford, Olivia Birkenlund, Colm Feore in *The School for Husbands*

For 41 years the Stratford Festival has been the busiest classical repertory company on the continent. Of more recent consequence to Canada is the country's receptivity to the mega-musicals once considered the exclusive province of New York and London. Toronto had five such extravaganzas running during my visit, from a road company of Broadway's new **Grease**, with former Monkees star Davy Jones, to long-running local productions of **Miss Saigon** and **The Phantom of the Opera**. Their collective gross in just one week: nearly £1.5 million, which represents an enormous economic boon to the city now known as "the Broadway of the north".

Toronto's most important individual in this area is impresario Garth Drabinsky, who sent first *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and, more recently, *Show Boat* to New York, and is now planning a musical version of the E. L. Doctorow novel *Ragtime*.

The Toronto production of **Show Boat** continues at the North York Performing Arts Centre on the northern fringes of the city, and will give way next year — tellingly — to *Sunset Boulevard*. Seen a year into its run, the original company now having almost entirely departed for New York, this *Show Boat* was easily the highlight of a week of theatregoing but, at £45 for a top ticket, with Broadway prices to match.

And in a city where food seems always to rival entertainment, *Show Boat* scored on that front, as well. While no doughnut shops could be glimpsed in the vicinity, the North York Centre had the next best thing: one of Toronto's best Chinese restaurants, offering an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch for less than £5.

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As circulations fall, American newspapers are changing their tack to win back readers, with more than a nod towards PC doctrines

All the news that's correct to print

Fleeing one country agonising over *What has become of us?* — in the words of Peter Hennessy's new Channel 4 series — I land in another. Americans are full of angst and analysis over the disintegration of their society, of which the latest evidence is that only 37 per cent of voters took part in the recent elections.

This statistic made gloomy reading for the American press. With a tradition of filling their pages with long, solemn accounts of who's ahead of whom in all three levels of government, newspapers are confronting the harsh possibility that not only do Americans dislike politicians, they do not even want to read about them. As if to rub in the fact came news last week that all ten of the country's biggest newspapers lost circulation in the six months to September 30.

The largest of them all, *The Wall Street Journal*, took swift and drastic action. Down to 1.8 million, a drop of 38,000 after a year of sluggish advertising growth and rising newsprint costs, it hacked at news staff. More than a dozen were told to go, including reporters in London and Chicago, and its Miami bureau chief. The seventh biggest, Long Island's *Newsday*, was worst-hit. It lost nearly 8 per cent of its circulation in half a year (down to 694,000) and may shut its New York office.

But how to get readers back? Papers everywhere are in gradual decline owing to the younger generation's preference for screen rather than print and failure to develop a regular newspaper-buying habit. But American papers have special problems. Most are not national, but regional, centring their coverage on one major city. And American cities are being transformed by the arrival of non-English-speaking immigrants from Latin America, for whom a heavyweight daily is hardly essential reading.

The tactic has been to change the news agenda. Stories that would have been relegated to "lifestyle", health or women's pages are splashed on the front page and down-and-outers are treated the same as Wall Street bankers.

None is trying harder than the virtuous *New York Times* (circulation 1.1 million, down 27,000 since February). It has pulled back from its attempt to become a national newspaper and proclaims daily that its heart is in the city around it. Day after day its front page sports a story which is more social conscience than news. It reports on one-month-old Nicholas Brian Gonzales, one of the New York homeless who have taken to sleeping in city offices, and on Kathleen Buete, a grandmother (said to be typical of many) nursing a grandchild dying of Aids.

The *Times* has been accused of



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surrendering to political correctness in all this. But where PC stops and the circulation drive begins is hard to say. If new readers are to be found, they must certainly include two groups the *Times* notoriously neglected in the past, in its hiring policies as well as its news coverage: women and homosexuals. Thus "New Therapy for Menopause Reduces Risks" now rates page one, above the fold, while death "from an Aids-related disease" gets a prominent mention in many obituaries.

The effort to embrace the new society, however, is hampered by the *Times*'s leaden prose and stylistic rigidities. It is like seeing Granny on roller-blades. The social pages, which oughi to have been abandoned with the debutante ball, now contain little lectures on social significance. The wedding photograph of two black school teachers from a Newark, New Jersey slum school was accompanied by the description of the setting of their courtship: "There's drugs in the stairwells, people getting shot and stabbed in the elevators" and the impact of their marriage on their fatherless pupils: teaching "the importance of the family unit".

An accident report reflected near-despair in the all-important task of getting the victims' names right. "It was not clear yesterday whether Iqbal Singh was related to Balbir Singh, but Singh, which means lion, is part of the name of many Sikhs," said the *Times*.

One area in which the *Times* is absolutely unyielding is profanity. I recently did an interview with the actress Emma Thompson for that austere publication. Trying to convey her forthright and pithy speech, I quoted her as saying, of critics, "F*** 'em." No way, said the *Times*, would their readers accept asterisks or even "expletive deleted" unless (with thoughts of Watergate) national interest was involved. The offending phrase had to be excised entirely, or described in a separate sentence: "She used a barnyard expletive".

In the *Times*'s Book Review, I was told, an exception had recently been made to allow the word "turd" — but only because it was part of a direct quotation, and because the quote came from Barbara Bush.

I think perhaps there is a moral here. The *Times*, and its similarly solemn American sisters, should stick to their puritanical principles. It's no good bending to every wind that passes.

When — and the publisher of the *Times*, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, says he is ready — the distribution of information passes from ink on paper to CD-Rom and the Internet, editors will still be required to have a clear sense of priorities.

And readers, perhaps fewer, but not that many fewer, will still recognise that the political realignment of legislative chambers (with charts) is more important than the cholesterol content of olive oil. The real peril for newspapers is abandoning the faith that nothing is more newsworthy than the exercise of power — in other words, politics.

Self-regulation's new sultan

The press, says Lord Wakeham, next PCC chairman, must learn to control itself. **Brian MacArthur** reports

Newspapers were in David Mellor's notorious "last chance saloon" four years ago when the Press Complaints Commission was established on the deathbed of the unmourned Press Council.

Since then, under Lord McGregor of Durris, the PCC has transformed the way complaints against the press are handled and shown that self-regulation of the press can work. That progress, however, has been unfairly obscured by a few McGregor gaffes on radio and television — which is the main reason the Press Complaints Commission have chosen a practised Tory politician with easy access to Whitehall and Downing Street as its new chairman.

Lord Wakeham, who takes over on January 1 for a three-year term, earned his reputation as a political fixer in a hard school as Margaret Thatcher's chief whip and Leader of the House. As he demonstrated on the *Today* programme yesterday, he is a safe, articulate and confident performer.

The past few years have seen the successful establishment of a journalist's code of conduct, speedier adjudications and a lay majority complemented by working editors on the commission itself. So does the commission need a politician, only the second in its history, at its head? Yes, says Wakeham, sensing that the commission has still not won the credit it deserves among MPs.

Nevertheless, the anxieties that the appointment of a politician will undoubtedly provoke were amply displayed in *The Guardian* on Monday. Wakeham's appointment was announced by Harry Roche, chairman of the Guardian Media Group and chairman of the Press Board of Finance, which funds the PCC. Yet *The Guardian* itself, whose editor Peter Preston resigned from the PCC this month after the cod fax row, published an article by Labour's Roy Hattersley accusing the proprietors of backing the wrong horse.

Wakeham's appointment was the most recent extension of Fleet Street's calculated attempt to calm Parliament, said Hattersley. "It will not work: too many backbenchers have passed the point at which they might have been mollified by Good Old John".

The best way to avoid anti-press legislation, Hattersley argued, would be for the PCC to produce a convincing public interest criterion, to support newspapers that respected it and brutally to condemn those that did not.

Wakeham, in his first interview, did not disagree with that argument on public interest. He was also vehement that there would be no political favouritism. "The real world is totally contrary to that," he said. "If a former colleague was before the PCC I would bend over backwards to ensure that accusation could not be made against me."

The "core" business of the PCC, he said, was to uphold the code of conduct and show that self-regulation works, thereby staving off statutory legislation — which ministers still keep simmering on the back burner as a threat to editors tempted to flout the code of conduct.

"I would like to see self-regulation so respected that nobody was seriously advocating statutory control of the press," he said. "If we can make self-regulation work, it will be a great relief to everybody. At the end of my three years, I hope that the effectiveness of self-regulation will no longer be in any doubt".

On the sensitive issue of privacy, Wakeham wanted the law left unchanged, pointing out that there were already more than 40 acts constraining the media on the statute book.

The state of the marriage of the heir to the throne was a perfectly legitimate subject of comment. Politicians were asking for trouble if their private lives did not stand up to inspection. Yes, bugging could be justified in the public interest, to uncover a spy or a fraud, for example. He was less sure about "tittle-tattle" about sexual peccadilloes.

Asked which was his priority, the public or the press, the answer came instantly — the public — but with the politician's supplementary that the public demanded a free press without fully understanding the consequences of an unfree press.

So would he be a missionary for press freedom? Yes, but that was only part of the job. Wakeham returned yet again to his "main task": to get the code of conduct generally accepted. "I would like people to be proud of the way we handle press complaints".

ROBIN MAYES



Wakeham: "If we can make self-regulation work, it will be a great relief to everybody."

Let me hum it for you...

Radio stations are switching on to an answering service for listeners

The call came through to the BBC from a dealing room in the City of London. Could someone identify a piece of music played on the radio that everyone knew but no one could name? It goes like this . . . suddenly a chorus of voices humming Ronald Bing's "Sailing By" reverberated down the line.

Not knowing the name of a piece of music is a perennial frustration for radio listeners. A presenter can be to blame for failing to identify a record adequately, or the listener misses the announcement because of a disruption.

To handle name queries many radio stations will put the caller through to a staff member who will attempt to track down the record. At the BBC such inquiries are handled by its information office, which also deals with comments and complaints about programmes and standards.

Some commercial radio broadcasters are now looking at providing a service dedicated to dealing with these queries. So far only Classic FM and JFM, formally Jazz FM, have such a service. It is operated by Music Store, a mail-order record company that handles 1,500 calls a day for the two stations. Once the query has been answered, the company will suggest buying the record. About three-quarters of callers do and the respective radio station earns a commission from the sale.

Not everyone is as exact in their information as one Classic FM listener who asked what was playing at 3.05pm on March 3 this year. It transpired that she distinctly remembered the time because she was giving birth then and wanted the recording — Mahler's First Symphony — to remind her of the moment.

To help callers who hum or sing down the line, the Music Store employs an eclectic group of musicians to answer the phones, including a jazz keyboards player and a guitarist. But often a piece of music can be identified from a vague description because the same queries crop up again and again. "If somebody calls about a record that they describe as a beautiful piece of chanting, accompanying a boy's voice lasting about 10 minutes, it's more likely than not to be *Miserere* by Gregorio Allegri," says Robert Harding-Williams, managing director of the Music Store.

One Classic FM listener wanted to know the name of a piece of music he had only heard once before: on board a ship heading for the D-Day landings in Normandy in 1944. The record was the Warsaw Concerto.

Radio stations also receive calls from the police wanting to know what was playing at a particular time. They are, of course, checking alibis of suspects who claim to have been at home listening to the radio when a crime was committed.

EDWARD WELSH

Correction: The article of November 16 headlined *Prime Minister's Show Time* was written by Adam Vandermark and Suzanne Franks

Shoppers say cheese at the checkout

Video cameras now record our every move — and the results are ruthlessly exploited by marketers

Next time you go into a high street retailer, off-licence or supermarket the chances are that you will be on video. Most of us simply accept the now ubiquitous in-store camera as a sad but necessary security feature. But few realise that marketers are using those security videos to study — and manipulate — how we shop and what we buy. Indeed, increasingly they are deploying tiny, thumb-sized cameras hidden in ceiling panels, shelf edges or point-of-sale materials to observe us.

Retailers apply the information they glean in many ways. Videos of passers-by are used to assess how effectively window displays attract shoppers' attention. Once they have entered the store, their precise movements are tracked: where they go first, where they rush or linger.

One major white goods chain, for example, has discovered that placing listening posts for CDs near fridges and freezers does wonders for sales, not of CDs, but of fridges and freezers. If impatient husbands can be diverted by the music and gadgetry, their wives can get on with choosing a new fridge.

Once "key destination products" are identified, store owners can position them deep inside the shop so that customers are drawn past other, higher-margin impulse lines. "Bus stops" — displays which stick out from an aisle — may then be used to slow down the consumers' trajectory so they take more notice of other items on display.

Manufacturers are equally keen to keep close tabs on consumers. Studying if and how consumers inspect products before they make a purchase, which products they inspect and which they reject, and how their position on the shelves affects sales, helps them to package and promote their wares more effectively.

"Traditional research has left a hole waiting to be filled. People have always tracked actual sales, but they have not looked at what people decide *not* to buy," says Robert Lawson, director of DSI, a special company set up by opinion pollsters NOP to conduct camera-based research in the UK.

Some patterns of consumer behaviour are well known already. Over the last few years computer boffins at research organisations such as Nielsen and IRI InfoScan have analysed the details of millions of transactions captured by store checkout scanners to predict, to within a few percentage points, exactly how different in-store promotions will affect sales. The figures vary for each type of product but, for example, placing a snack product in a special "gondola" display at the end of an aisle will produce a 57 per cent sales boost.

But does this prove the nation is being over-run by commercial Big Brothers? Marketers are quick to point out that Market Research Society codes of ethics forbid certain practices: consumers are supposed to know if they are being filmed or recorded or be "in a situation where they could reasonably expect to be heard or seen". And those involved stress that it is all done to make shopping a pleasanter, as well as more profitable, process.

ALAN MITCHELL

Northern grit attracts the housewives

TIMES TV TOP 10: WOMEN'S VIEWING

OCTOBER 31 — NOVEMBER 6, 1994 (Women working full-time versus non-working housewives)

WORKING WOMEN (full-time) Programme	Day	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	TVR: All 4+	Working women	Housewives
1 Eastenders	Tue	19.30	BBC1	BBC	Soap	32.3%	42.6%	39.0%
2 Coronation Street	Mon	19.30	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	31.7%	35.4%	42.9%
3 London's Burning	Sun	21.02	ITV	LWT	Drama Series	27.7%	33.1%	33.3%
4 Soldier Soldier	Tue	21.01	ITV	Central Television	Drama	25.6%	32.5%	34.7%
5 Heartbeat	Sun	19.29	ITV	Yorkshire	Drama Series	32.2%	31.0%	43.6%
6 You've Been Framed	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada	Entertainment	30.0%	29.3%	34.1%
7 Cracker	Mon	20.59	ITV	Granada Television	Drama Series	24.3%	29.3%	33.0%
8 Casualty	Sat	20.00	BBC1	BBC	Drama Series	21.6%	25.8%	27.8%
9 The Bill	Tue	19.59	ITV	Thames Television	Drama Series	23.3%	25.6%	33.0%
10 This Is Your Life	Wed	19.29	BBC1	Thames	Entertainment	20.2%	21.7%	32.3%

HOUSEWIVES (not working) Programme	Day	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	TVR: All 4+	Working women	Housewives
1 Coronation Street	Fri	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	32.1%	34.8%	46.0%
2 Heartbeat	Sun	19.29	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Drama	32.2%	31.0%	43.6%
3 Eastenders	Tue	19.30	BBC1	BBC	Soap	32.3%	42.6%	39.0%
4 Soldier Soldier	Tue	21.01	ITV	Central Television	Drama	25.6%	32.5%	34.7%
5 You've Been Framed	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada	Entertainment	30.0%	29.3%	34.1%
6 London's Burning	Sun	21.02	ITV	LWT	Drama Series	27.7%	33.1%	33.3%
7 Emmerdale	Tue	19.00	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Soap	21.1%	17.5%	33.2%
8 Strike It Lucky	Tue	20.29	ITV	Thames Television	Game Show	21.7%	19.5%	33.1%
9 Cracker	Mon	20.59	ITV	Granada Television	Drama Series	24.3%	29.3%	33.0%
10 The Bill	Tue	19.59	ITV	Thames Television	Drama Serial	23.3%	25.6%	33.0%

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PROGRAMMES with a strong northern accent, such as ITV's *Heartbeat*, *Cracker* and *Emmerdale*, tend to do better with housewives* than working women, according to this week's ratings chart, which compares the viewing of both groups. That is partly a reflection of the fact that significantly more housewives watch television.

But *EastEnders*, the London-based soap on BBC1, performs better with working women, according to the TVR figures, which measure the percentage of viewers within each category watching individual programmes.

London's Burning, LWT's enduring drama about firefighters, is the only show to be watched roughly in equal measure by both groups.

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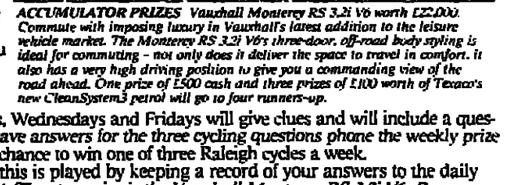
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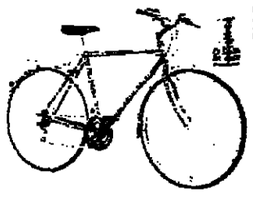
7. What name went with the red jersey in Britain's long-distance cycle race, the Milk Race? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 7)*

8. Which company manufactured the Prince Henry, which later became the 3019? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 8)*

9. Which weekly newspaper introduced Britain's first record charts in the 1950s? *(Accumulator Clue: The first letter of this answer belongs to word 9)*

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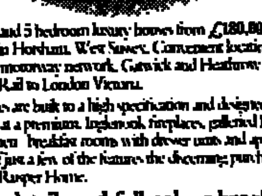
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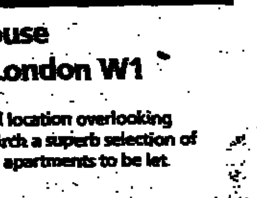
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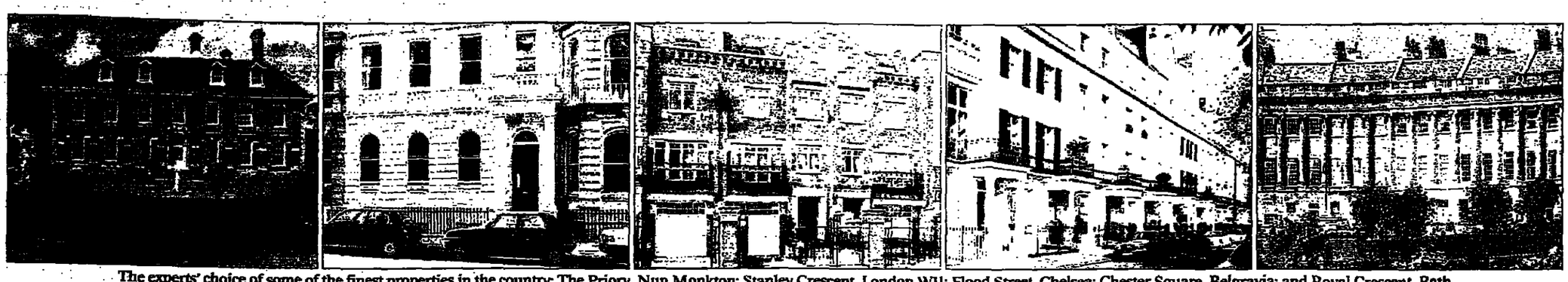
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Buying a grander home is the first move when we win big money. **Rachel Kelly** asked estate agents for advice on investing in property



The experts' choice of some of the finest properties in the country: The Priory, Nun Monkton; Stanley Crescent, London W11; Flood Street, Chelsea; Chester Square, Belgravia; and Royal Crescent, Bath

What would you buy if you won the lottery?



David Forbes, a partner with the London agents Chesterfield: Ideally, I would buy a townhouse in Egerton Terrace or Crescent, in Chelsea. These spectacular stucco-fronted houses have held their value. But because there is nothing for sale there, I would buy half a dozen small houses and flats in addresses such as *Onslow Square, Onslow Gardens*, and Cranleigh Gardens in London, for between £250,000 and £500,000, which have good rental prospects, and would live in one of them myself. The yield would be 9 or 10 per cent, about £2,000 a week, whereas it would be only 6 per cent on one £2 million house. Property at the top of the price scale has suffered most, so it would be better to buy small flats rather than one big house.



Chelsea Harbour

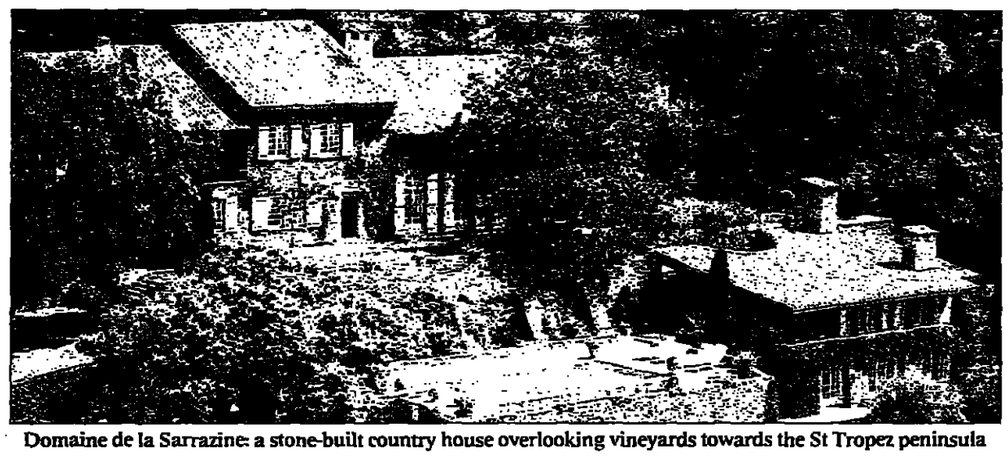
New house first, then a holiday and a car

So you've won. This week seven punters were enjoying the top National Lottery spoils of £839,254 each. More than a million other people won prizes, although the vast majority of them were under £10.

The amounts to be won this Saturday could be very different. Perhaps there will be one instant millionaire or, indeed, *multimillionaire*.

Whatever the jackpot, surveys show that the overwhelming desire of those who win anything substantial is to buy a new home. When the Bradford & Bingley building society asked 1,000 people how they would spend their winnings, their first answer was on a house, then a holiday and then a new car.

But what kind of house when money is of minor consideration? The cautious would want to combine their dream home with a sensible investment. *The Times has* asked property experts to help to select the best way to spend a lottery jackpot of £2 million.



Domaine de la Sarrazine: a stone-built country house overlooking vineyards towards the St Tropez peninsula



John Wrigglesworth, head of strategy, Bradford & Bingley: I would spend £1.25 million on The Priory, in Nun Monkton between York and Harrogate. The house has ten bedrooms, six bathrooms, a library, swimming pool, tennis court and 14 acres of land. The prices of larger properties, such as The Priory, have been hit hard during the recession, but as the economy recovers, the house should be worth more than £2 million in five years' time. I would invest the rest in cottages in unspoilt countryside in the Lake District and Scottish highlands.



William Gething, Property Vision: I would buy No 5 Stanley Crescent, London W11, on sale through John D. Wood for £1.5 million. I can think of no more civilised way to live in London than in a big family house opening onto communal gardens. If I were living in a big town house, I would go for an area that is 110 per cent non-commutable to invest the remainder, such as a property between Salisbury and Dorset. It's a very beautiful patch, full of estates of more than 10,000 acres, which means that there is a low turnover of houses.



Andrew Langton, chairman, Aylesford & Co: I would buy a freehold London house with a garden, a garage and well-proportioned rooms in SW1, SW3 or SW7, which requires restoration. I think London houses of this type will see an uninterrupted growth because demand outweighs supply. Flood Street in Chelsea, fits the bill: 56a is for sale for £1.2 million. With the rest, I would buy a house in Seymour Walk, Chelsea, for £540,000. It has two bedrooms with *ensuite* bathrooms, but you could create a further bedroom suite for £10,000.



Patrick Ramsay, director Knight Frank & Rutley, International: The market in France, and especially in the south, has been in the doldrums. Property prices have fallen, but the country is slowly coming out of recession, and it is now the place to buy. Domaine de la Sarrazine is idyllic: a stone-built country house overlooking vineyards and woodland near St Tropez peninsula, it has grounds of 12.5 acres with a landscaped swimming pool, a staff cottage and a gardener's cottage. The house, pictured above, is priced at £1.9 million



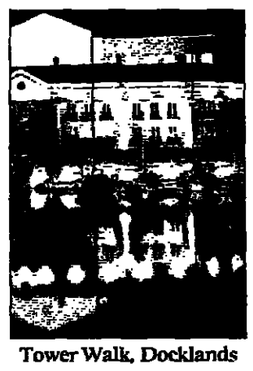
Michael Sulkin, director, Lassmans: I would buy No 23 Chester Square, SW1, for £1.4 million. The house is on a 15-year lease and therefore the buyer would qualify to acquire the freehold, or to extend the lease by 75 years with the Grosvenor estate. It is a wonderful period house with seven bedrooms and four bathrooms. With the rest, I would buy a flat for between £450,000 and £500,000 in Mayfair, Belgravia, Knightsbridge, Kensington or Chelsea and spend about £100,000 doing it up, then re-sell the property for about £700,000.



Philip Selway, director, Charterhouse International: My choice would be a house in Bath. It is one of only four World Heritage cities in Europe, competing with cities such as Florence. The architecture is among the best-conserved in the world and will remain so. Bath is one and a half hours from London, but much better value in terms of capital investment. You need to invest less money for higher returns. Space is at a premium in Bath, so houses make good sense. A house in Royal Crescent is a good bet: people will always want to live there.



Rob Thomas, housing market analyst at the City brokers UBS: London's Docklands is under-priced because of the tarnished image of the yuppie. There was a building boom there during the 1980s, but most properties were finished just as the market crashed in 1989. Prices plummeted by up to 50 per cent. But the top end of the market has already recovered by 20 to 25 per cent. The fundamentals remain good: there is the river and the docks, the period properties, a 20-minute ride to the West End and improving transport; docklands gets a new Tube line in 1998. Oliver's Wharf in Wapping is also 20 minutes from the City. I would buy two £895,000 penthouse flats, leaving £200,000 of lottery winnings to do them up.



Tower Walk, Docklands

Life on the West End frontier

JAMES MORGAN



Giles Coren and Katie Razzall, his partner, finding room for their books in their small Covent Garden flat

Giles Coren on the drawbacks and advantages of renting a tiny flat in the heart of London's Theatreland

Karen Blixen had a farm in Africa. We know this because she never stopped talking about it. When she moved into a more modest domicile, back home in Denmark, her neighbours, by all accounts, were soon pretty fed up with hearing about how big her last place was and how she just couldn't get used to a fitted kitchen.

That is always the way when people move from somewhere huge and rangey where the land is cheap to a place where, because space is at a premium, you have to fold up the bed for a sofa, and buy very small plates so you can eat lunch off the mantelpiece.

I had a flat in Archway, North London. Or, rather, Mr O'Regan had one, and he let it to me for £715 a month. There were four of us, and for our £41.25 a week each, we had two double bedrooms, a living room Rowdy Yates could have driven cattle across and a bathroom so vast we thought of installing a diving board. The kitchen was modest, but there was a roof terrace with a panoramic view of London.

The street was leafy, birds chirrupped in the acacia trees and old ladies leaned on garden fences chatting to the postman. Highgate was no more than a brisk constitutional away, with its sun-dried tomatoes, mock Victorian fascias and bookshops full of familiar faces from *The Late Show*.

When the contract expired, I went to an agent to help me to find somewhere else to live. "There are three rules of property," he said, "location, location, and location." So I moved to Drury Lane, just around the corner from *Cats*, five minutes from Soho, two from the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, a postal area in WC2 and a flat that would fit into a suburban lavatory. What is more, we had been paying £715 for two bedrooms; now we are paying £750 for one.

All the same, it seems that I was lucky. There is a shortage of rental property in the centre of London.

"Lettable properties in town are more often purpose-built blocks than conversions," explained Kevin Young of Alexanders estate agents, in Baker Street. "In these blocks, the service charges are higher and the profit margin on rent is minimised. People who buy to let are looking for the best possible investment, and that means conversions, predominantly further out, where service charges are low. As a result, the people who are buying in town are buying property to live in, not to let."

Not only are there fewer flats available, there are more flat-hunters. Young people who have never owned a property are still not interested in buying, so they continue to rent.

So fast is turnover that many letting agents do not even keep a list of one-bedroom flats: they don't stay on the market long enough to make it worthwhile. A single classified advert in a newspaper or in a publication such as *Loot*, and the flat is gone.

According to Mr Young, the fact that there is no capital growth in property ownership means that young people do not consider the "added hassle" of buying a flat to be adequately compensated, and are sitting out the slump in rented accommodation.

So there I am, feeling pretty smug about finding a £750-a-month unheated, one-bedroom shoebox, with loo and ensuite shower cubicle and a pukka postcode.

My street, admittedly, fills up with taxis for 15 minutes at 10 o'clock each night when the theatres empty, but a quarter of an hour later they are gone, and so are the visitors. By 11 o'clock, the restaurants have tables, and you walk home entirely alone. Similarly, in the morning, before the tourist attractions crank into action, you have the West End more or less to yourself.

The flat is so small that when you boil a kettle in the kitchen the bedroom window steams up. You cling to the compensations. It is a straightforward equation: on one side is domestic space, on the other is fun. You just put in the amount of money you can spend on rent and decide which you want more of.

All the things that are laid on to entertain visiting out-of-towners are still there at each end of the day, and you have them to yourself. In the suburbs, you may be able to hear a sparrow blink at midday, but can you begin the evening at midnight?

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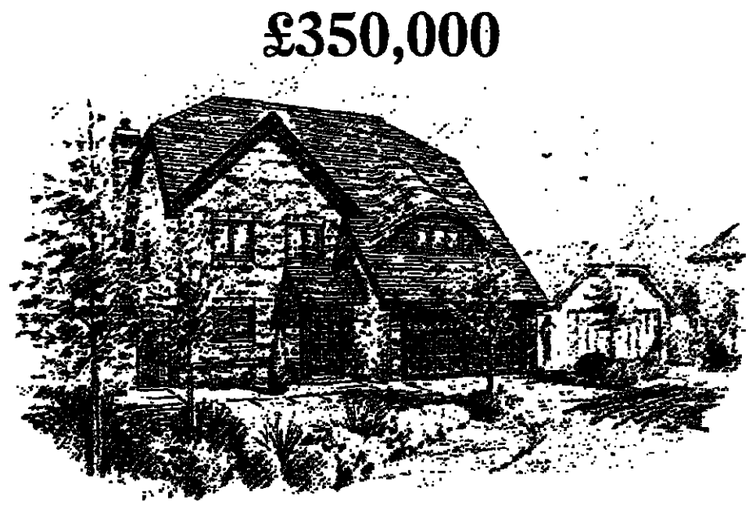
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Passenger knew driver uninsured

Stinton v Stinton and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment November 11]

A passenger in a car knowing the driver to be uninsured and allowing himself to be carried in it in pursuance of a joint enterprise was "a person using the vehicle" for the purposes of clause 6(1) of the Motor Insurers Bureau Agreement of 1972 and was thus not entitled to receive compensation from the bureau.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Christopher Stinton, from Mr Justice Simon Brown (*The Times* August 5, 1992) in an action for damages for personal injuries arising from a motor accident. The judge had found the defendant, Leslie Stinton, liable for the damages subject to a one-third deduction for contributory negligence and he dismissed the plaintiff's claim against the second defendants, the Motor Insurers Bureau.

Clause 6 of the 1972 Agreement provides: "(i) MIB shall not incur any liability ... where (c) ... the person suffering ... bodily injury in respect of which the claim is made was allowing himself to be carried in a vehicle and (ii) ... being a person using the vehicle, he was using or causing or permitting the vehicle to be used without there being in force in relation to such use a contract of insurance ... knowing or having reason to believe that no such contract was in force."

Mr Peter Andrews, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Lance Ashworth for the bureau.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that at 3am on April 23, 1983, the plaintiff was the front seat passenger in a car belonging to and being driven by his brother, the first defendant, when the car left the road colliding with a lamp post. The plaintiff suffered severe head injuries.

The first defendant was driving without insurance and as any judgment against him was unlikely to be satisfied the MIB had been contacted. At the time the plaintiff and the defendant were very much the worse for drink. The judge found that that they, together with a third man, had been using the car on a joint venture.

The plaintiff knew, he said, that from the outset of the evening's drinking that he was to be carried around uninsured and was quite content to go out with his brother on the basis that the vehicle was to be their joint means of transport throughout the night.

The question was whether the judge was correct to hold that the plaintiff was a person using the car within clause 6(1)(c)(ii) of the agreement. To come with the description the person was already allowing himself to be carried in the vehicle and so was not the driver. Neither was he the owner.

For the MIB it was submitted that relying on the decision in *Brown v Roberts* ([1965] 1 QB 1) "use" meant "control, manage or operate". Mr Andrews submitted that there had been no such element of control or management of the vehicle at the relevant time by the plaintiff.

Obviously control or management of a vehicle or operation of it could be determined before as well as in the course of its use. For example where two persons agreed on a joint venture and to use a vehicle for a particular purpose they would have exercised an element of control or management in its use: see *Leathley v Tatton* ([1980] RTR 21).

The wording of the subclause in the agreement was wide enough to include a person allowing himself to be carried in the vehicle in pursuance of a joint venture with another and in the instant case there was evidence on which the judge could find that the plaintiff was so engaged.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, agreeing, said that once it was accepted, as on a natural use of language it had to be, that someone could use a vehicle without being its driver, there arose a question of fact and degree as to whether, in the circumstances of a particular case, a passenger could properly be described as "a person using the vehicle" within the meaning of clause 6(1)(c)(ii) of the MIB agreement.

In the great majority of cases either or both of the tests of control or management or of joint enterprise would be found to apply to a person who fell with the subclause. But it should not be thought that those two tests were necessarily exhaustive. A case might arise where a passenger could be said to have been using a vehicle without his precisely satisfying either test.

Sir John Megaw agreed.

Solicitors: Rosenberg & Co, Birmingham; Buller Jeffries, Birmingham.

CPS owes no duty of care

Elguzouli-Daf v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and Another
McBrearty v Ministry of Defence and Others

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment November 16]

A defendant in criminal proceedings did not have a private law remedy in damages for negligence against lawyers engaged by the Crown Prosecution Service in his prosecution, since no duty of care was owed by the CPS to those it was prosecuting.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeals of the plaintiffs, Osama Elguzouli-Daf and Daniel McBrearty, against the orders of Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, on October 8, 1993, striking out their statements of claim in their actions, respectively against the CPS, and against the Ministry of Defence and the CPS, on the basis that, under Order 18, rule 19(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, their actions disclosed no reasonable cause of actions against those defendants.

Mr Nicholas Blake, QC, for McBrearty; Mr Michael Supperstone, QC and Mr Daniel Janner for Elguzouli-Daf; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Ian Burnett for the CPS.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that, in the case of McBrearty, who was charged and detained by the police in October 1989 with an offence under the Explosive Substances Act 1989 of handling, allegedly from forensic evidence, Semtex explosives, the prosecution offered no evidence against him at committal proceedings in January 1990, and thus he was detained for 85 days before his prosecution was abandoned.

The gravamen of his case in negligence against the CPS was that it was always apparent that innocent contamination could not be excluded, it should not have taken 85 days to realise the prosecution would fail and that he suffered loss and damage from the anxiety and distress caused by his detention.

In the case of Elguzouli-Daf, charged and detained on an allegation of rape, he was detained for 22 days before the prosecution was abandoned. His case in essence was that the CPS behaved negligently in acting without reasonable diligence in obtaining and/or processing and/or communicating the results of forensic science tests which were negative against him.

His Lordship said that the court had to consider the critical question of whether the CPS owed a duty of care not from the point of view of high principle but pragmatically and by analogy with established categories of liability: *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] 2 AC 606).

That required consideration from three perspectives: namely, the foreseeability of the harm that ensued; the nature of the relationship between the parties, the element of proximity; and whether it was fair, just and reasonable that the law should impose such a duty.

The CPS, a public law enforcement agency which was autonomous and independent, was established by the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.

It reviewed police decisions to prosecute and conducted prosecutions on behalf of the Crown. Under the Act the Attorney-general and the Director of Public Prosecutions were accountable to Parliament for what they did, or omitted to do, in relation to criminal proceedings.

In following the approach in *Caparo*, the court had to take into account the public nature of the CPS's functions: it acted for the public as a whole and acted in the public interest.

The prosecutor's role, in determining whether there was sufficient evidence to warrant a prosecution, and whether the prosecution was in the public interest, was independent of the government of the day. It was a matter for examination whether such a public role required the CPS to be treated differently in the law of tort from citizens and corporations.

Having considered the context of other protections and remedies, his Lordship concluded that the legal system could possibly develop further, notably under the direct or indirect influence of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice, but, in summary, as the law stood a citizen aggrieved by a prosecutor's decision had potentially extensive private law remedies for a deliberate abuse of power.

His Lordship found instructive the analogy of *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] AC 53), where the House of Lords had held as a separate ground of decision in that case that as a matter of public policy the police were immune from negligence actions in respect of their activities in the investigation and suppression of crime.

The reasoning in that case militated against recognising a duty of care in the present case. Indeed, the argument against a duty of care, and for immunity, could be said to be even stronger in the present case since much police work was operational whereas the CPS's function to a large extent involved matters of judgment and discretion.

In civil cases, in the absence of a specific assumption of responsibility, lawyers engaged in hostile civil litigation were not liable in negligence to the opposing party: *Al-Kandari v J. R. Brown & Co* ([1988] QB 665). Nevertheless, in criminal proceedings the reality was that a defendant had to rely on the magistrates or the judge, and his own lawyers, to protect his interests.

No doubt there was a public duty on prosecutors to treat him fairly but it did not follow that he should have a private law remedy in damages for the negligence of lawyers engaged by the CPS to prosecute him for and on behalf of the whole community.

Counsel for the appellants, in arguing that the test in *Caparo* was satisfied, emphasised in particular the injustice of depriving a defendant of a remedy where he was deprived of his liberty for a long period due to the carelessness of a CPS lawyer; assistance was sought from *Welsh v Chief Constable of the Merseyside Police* ([1993] 1 All ER 693).

That case, in his Lordship's view, had to be put in perspective; the judge there repeatedly emphasised the case involved an assumption of responsibility by the CPS. Ultimately, that case, which turned on its own special facts, was of no assistance to the central issue in the present case.

Policy factors argued against the recognition of a duty of care, in his Lordship's view. While it was always tempting to yield to an argument based on the protection of civil liberties, the interests of the whole community were better served by not imposing a duty.

Such a duty would tend to inhibit the CPS's discharge of its central function of prosecuting crime, and, in some cases, would lead to a defensive approach by prosecutors to their multifarious duties. There would be a risk that prosecutors would act to protect themselves from negligence claims, and valuable time and scarce resources would be spent to prevent such claims.

The spectre of the CPS constantly enmeshed in an avalanche of interlocutory civil proceedings and civil trials would bode ill for its efficiency and the quality of the criminal justice system.

While his Lordship was prepared to accept the appellants could satisfy the requirement of foreseeability of harm, the present case turned on a combination of the element of proximity and whether it was fair, just and reasonable the law should impose a duty.

Recognising that individualised justice to private individuals, or trading companies, who were aggrieved by careless decisions of CPS lawyers, militated in favour of recognition of a duty of care, there were compelling considerations, rooted in the welfare of the whole community, which outweighed the dictates of individualised justice.

In ruling that there was no duty of care owed, his Lordship rejected drawing a distinction between operational and discretionary lapses, with potential liability in the former but not the latter, in regard to the CPS as impractical, unworkable and not capable of avoiding adverse consequences for the CPS.

The ruling was of general application subject to the qualification of cases such as *Welsh* where the CPS assumed by conduct a responsibility to a particular defendant: see *Spring v Guardian Assurance plc* ([1994] 3 WLR 354, 368-369). But that qualification was not of relevance to the present case.

If his Lordship's conclusion was wrong, he would for the reasons given in dealing with the question whether a duty of care existed rule that the CPS was immune from liability in negligence.

Lord Justice Rose agreed and Lord Justice Morritt delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Camden; Stephen Fidler & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

'Recklessness' requires foresight of result

Data Protection Registrar v Amnesty International (British Section)

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment November 8]

For the purposes of section 5 of the *Data Protection Act 1984* "recklessness" required consideration of whether there was foresight of the consequences identified in that section.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when ruling on an appeal by the Data Protection Registrar by way of case stated against a decision of the Clerkenwell Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate on September 22, 1993 who had dismissed two charges brought against Amnesty International (British Section) under section 5 of the 1984 Act.

Mr Paul Garlick for the registrar; Mr Owen Davies for Amnesty.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the question was whether the stipendiary magistrate had understood and applied the test of recklessness propounded by Lord Diplock in *R v Lawrence* ([1982] AC 510, 526E) which was the relevant test for the purpose of construing "recklessly" in the 1984 Act.

It was clear that he had confused the seriousness of the consequences of the breach by holding or disclosing data with the breach itself. Mr Garlick contended that he should have concentrated not on seriousness but on foresight.

The particular sensitivity of a person about whom data was released was unlikely to be in the knowledge of the holder of the data and it would be wrong if criminal liability were to be determined by reference to a factor outside the knowledge of the holder or discloser.

It was further apparent that he had paid too much regard to "serious harmful consequences" in Lord Diplock's words without having regard to their context the meaning of which was illuminated by considering Lord Diplock's speech in *R v Caldwell* ([1982] AC 341, 351E).

In the light of that, "serious harmful consequence" from *Lawrence* meant "relative harmful consequence" in *Caldwell* and both were directed to identify the mischief that the statutory provision was intended to prevent. When those two speeches were read in conjunction it could not be that it was a necessary prerequisite for recklessness that "serious harm" should be done.

In his Lordship's judgment, in order for the prosecution to prove the necessary element of recklessness in section 5 it had to show:

1 That there was something in the circumstances that would have drawn the attention of the ordinary prudent individual to the possibility that his act was capable of causing the kind of mischief that section 5(2) and (5) were intended to prevent and that the risk of those mischiefs occurring was not so slight that the ordinary prudent individual would justifiably treat it as negligible and

2 That before doing the act the defendant either failed to give any thought to the possibility of any such risk or, having recognised the possibility, nevertheless went on to do it.

In the present case, the stipendiary had misdirected himself as to the degree of harm resulting from the defendant's actions. He should have asked: 1 Whether there was something in the proven circumstances which would have drawn the attention of the prudent individual to the possibility that his actions were capable of causing any of the events in section 5(2), and if so

2 Whether before carrying out his actions the defendant failed to give thought to the possibility of any such risk or had gone on regardless after recognising a risk.

Mr Justice Scott Baker agreed.

Solicitors: J. P. Malnick & Co, Islington; Bindman & Partners, Camden.

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In re M (a Minor) (Family proceedings: Affidavits)

Any attempt by a mother or a father to attempt to boost their chances of success in the Court of Appeal by getting the son or daughter to swear an affidavit on their behalf was to be deprecated for it was not the practice in family proceedings for a child upon the appeal to give evidence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Mr Justice Ewbank) so held on November 15 when (i) dismissing the father's appeal from the dismissal by Judge Orrell in Stoke-on-Trent County Court on April 8 of his application for a residence order in respect of his daughter and (ii) refusing his application to admit the additional evidence of an affidavit sworn by him, counsel in the Court of Appeal hearing having withdrawn the affidavit sworn by his daughter.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that it was unfair for a child to be dragged into the arena of a dispute between its parents. It was quite wrong and entirely undesirable for the child, the subject of the dispute, to be asked to swear an affidavit.

No reasons required

Regina v Bristol City Council, Ex parte Bailey and Another

A local authority subcommittee determining an appeal against the local authority's refusal to award a renovation grant for property was not obliged to give reasons for its decision.

Mr Justice Hidden so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 2 in dismissing an application by Dennis and Karlene Bailey for judicial review of a refusal by Bristol City Council housing (special purposes) subcommittee to allow their appeal against the rejection of their application for a renovation grant to treat damp in their house.

MR JUSTICE HIDDEN said that there was no statutory duty requiring reasons to be given and this was not was one of the cases where fairness demanded that reasons be given. The appeal hearing had been open and all the facts and matters before the committee had been disclosed to the applicants.

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Pontypridd denied by Johnson's penalties

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By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IT HAS been a long year for South African rugby, too long judging by the tired display of the midweek team at Sardis Road yesterday. Bereft of imagination and hounded by the referee's whistle, the South Africans settled for victory by three penalty goals to one, the first match of their tour in which they have not scored a try.

So laboured was the touring side that its capacity to raise its game had Pontypridd kicked all their goals must be doubted. Occasionally Strauss was able to kick-start his team into some semblance of life, but otherwise the South Africans were content to keep Pontypridd at arm's length.

The Welsh club could take far more from its well-supported afternoon's work. Pontypridd have enjoyed a good season — they are second in the Heineken League — and played with confidence. Had the work of the backs matched that of the forwards, where Rowley was outstanding, they could even have stolen an historic win, but under pressure their midfield passing fell away.

Whether the absent Jenkins would have made a difference is a moot point. The international stand-off half is striking the ball so well at the moment that he might well have kicked more than Cormack's one penalty from three first-half attempts. His distribution might also have been more discerning.

Pontypridd's difficulties were compounded by an inability to find touch which Dennis John, their coach, blamed on the unfamiliar Mitre ball with which they played. He was modestly happy, though, with the form of Paul John, his son, who plays at scrum half and demonstrated why he is on the Wales replacements' bench ahead of Robert Jones.

Pontypridd would have enjoyed the opportunity to pick their best side against the South Africans. Apart from Jenkins, they were without Collins, who is also playing for Wales on Saturday, and the injured McIntosh. "Maybe this was the day Wales A could have played them," John Snr opined.

His side tackled well enough but surrendered too much ball and allowed Stransky to play the game in Pontypridd's half. Had Brian Campsall played advantage to a greater degree, the two isolated outbreaks of fighting in the second half might even have been avoided. Campsall, one of England's leading referees, did not endear himself to the South Africans, who were penalised 24 times to Pontypridd's 13.

The stop-start nature of the game eventually left the South Africans metaphorically shrugging their shoulders and kicking not only the ball but the whole game into touch. Not that their kicking was performed all that well, either. Johnson, after one horrific shank, kicked three penalties from five and Stransky was wide with a sixth as the South Africans went from a 3-3 interval score to a tenuous six point advantage which only Linee seemed genuinely interested in increasing.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Penalty goal: Cormack. South African XV: Penalty goals: Johnson (3).

PONTYPRIDD: G Jones; D Manley, J Lewis, S Lewis, O Robbins; C Cormack, Paul John, N Bezant, Phil John, A Metcalfe, M Spiller, G Prosser, M Rowley, P Thomas, M Lloyd. C Jones replaced J Lewis (72min).

SOUTH AFRICA XV: G Johnson; J Olivier, H Muller, M Linee, C van der Westhuizen, J Stransky, K Putt; S Swart, J Dalton, I Hattingh, G Teichmann, J Wiese, K Otto, E van der Bergh, C Strauss.

Referee: S Campsall (England).

IAN STEWART



Gavin Jones, the Pontypridd full back, loses possession as he is tackled by Linee at Sardis Road yesterday

Ojomoh put in awkward position

By David Hands

THE shifts and turns in the CIS divisional championship have become even more tortuous in the South and South West. After losing their first match, against London and South East, last Saturday, the divisional selectors have named a team to play the Midlands and Leicester this weekend that includes Steve Ojomoh at No 8 and Richard Dix at stand-off half.

Because the England selectors specifically requested that Ojomoh should play at open-side flanker last weekend and were then told the player was unavailable, nobody can be happy. Ojomoh does not intend to play at Leicester, and Dix, the Narberth stand-off picked ahead of Mark Tainton, is still in pursuit of a blue at Cambridge, whose final game before selection for the game against Oxford is at Grange Road on Saturday.

It is rapidly becoming a farcical situation in which the left hand does not seem to know what the right is doing. It is hardly ideal for England to invite Ojomoh to play international rugby in a position where he is still learning his trade, but, for good or ill, the divisions should be left to arrive at their own decisions.

The South West have made five further changes, one enforced at second row, where Andy Blackmore, of Bristol, is unavailable. At least the North, whose only change against London at Wasps is to restore Paul Grayson at stand-off half, and London (waiting on the fitness of Damian Hopley) remain the same.

The Ireland selectors have picked the strongest side available to them for the penultimate match of the South African tour, with a Combined Irish Provinces at Belfast on November 29. Their first-choice front row and Simon Geoghegan have been named for the Barbarians four days later, while injuries affect Mullin, O'Shea, Bradley, Johns and O'Hara.

COMBINED IRISH PROVINCES: J Bell (Ballymena), P Gavin (Old Belvedere), M Field (Malone), P Danaher (Garryowen), R Wallace (Garryowen), A McGowan (Blackrock College), A Rolland (Blackrock College), J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), T Kingston (Dolphin, captain), G Halpin (London Irish), A Foley (Shannon), G Fulcher (Cork, Constitution), N Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Cork, Constitution), S McIlroy (Bangor).

☐ The Welsh Rugby Union is to explore two alternative sites to Cardiff Arms Park in their pursuit of a 70,000-seat stadium with which to bolster their bid to host the 1999 Rugby World Cup. The union is examining ways of further developing the existing ground but next week will consider two alternatives, one within the city boundary, the other outside it.

Edgy Higgins uninspired by crowd support

By Phil Yates

ALEX Higgins, appearing in the last 16 of a world ranking event for the first time in three years, did not live up to expectations yesterday. After the opening session of his third-round match with Dave Harold in the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship, Higgins trailed 5-3.

If crowd support counted for anything, Higgins, the world champion in 1972 and 1982, would surely have built a substantial lead. As it was, the partisan audience witnessed a staccato display from Higgins, who with the exception of a 57 break in the second frame, failed to make any sizeable contributions.

Higgins, the world No 48, was fortunate to be only two frames adrift entering the concluding session last night. He stole the fourth frame on the pink with a clearance from the last red and the sixth on the black when Harold surprisingly left it hanging in the jaws of a baulk pocket.

Higgins exhibited an enormous amount of body movement on several vital shots and generally seemed extremely edgy on his first appearance in front of the television cameras at the UK championship since 1987.

Harold, of Stoke, was nowhere near as impressive as he had been during a run to the final of the Skoda Grand Prix four weeks ago, in which he beat Stephen Hendry and Alan McManus.

Harold, the second-round conqueror of Steve Davis here, compiled breaks of 69 and 42 in dominating the fifth frame but his only other offerings of note were five 30-plus breaks.

Higgins, 45, has experienced the highest of highs and the most damaging of self-created controversies at this venue. In 1983, amid great excitement, he beat Davis 16-15 in a memorable final to capture the title but, four years later, he butted the tournament director in one of his worst disciplinary infringements.

Regardless of his behaviour away from the table, Higgins has never been accused of a shortage of determination through a tempestuous professional career that began 23 years ago. It was that tenacity and unwillingness to accept defeat which was required in abundance in the second session.

The snooker public's fascination with the game's most notorious malcontent meant that James Wattana's 9-4 victory over Joe Swail was largely overshadowed, even though he performed to a much higher standard than either Higgins or Harold.

Wattana, 6-2 up overnight, was in danger of having his lead eroded to one frame, at 6-5, when Swail led 50-19 at an advanced stage of the eleventh.

However, Wattana, of Thailand, eventually won the frame on the black with a composed clearance of the colours and the tide turned in his favour.

A 66 break, Wattana's seventh half-century of the entertaining contest, completed his most effective display of the season and set up a quarter-final against Mark Williams or John Parrott, the 1991 world and UK champion.

John Higgins, who beat Harold unexpectedly to become the grand prix champion last month, could be parting company with his manager of only six weeks, Chris Williams.

Higgins, 19, whose contract with the Team Sweater Shop management group was terminated after a disagreement with its chairman, Ian Doyle, at the recent Dubai Classic, has a meeting with Williams today that is expected to decide the fate of their partnership.

DETAILS

THIRD ROUND: Results: D Morgan (Wales) bt M King (Eng) 9-5, J Wattana (Thai) bt J Swail (N Ire) 9-4. Latest positions: M Williams (Wales) leads J Parrott (Eng) 5-3, D Harold (Eng) leads A Higgins (N Ire) 5-3.

Captain Azharuddin stands alone

By Our Sports Staff

MOHAMMAD Azharuddin, who made a dismal start as skipper of India after his appointment in 1991, became his country's most successful captain yesterday when West Indies were beaten by 96 runs in Bombay in the first Test.

India needed only 22 minutes and 37 balls on the fifth morning of the match to wrap up the West Indies second innings to give Azharuddin his tenth victory, one more than his most successful predecessors, Sunil Gavaskar and the Nawab of Pataudi. The India all-rounder, Javagal Srinath, won the man-of-the-match award.

Azharuddin, 31, lost seven of his first 12 Tests and at the end of the tour of South Africa in 1992 it was expected that he would lose the job that seemed to be having a detrimental effect on his batting.

But the selectors, unable to find a suitable replacement, stuck with him for the home series last year against an England side led by Graham Gooch. It was the turning point for Azharuddin, who scored 184 in the first Test at Calcutta, where India won by an innings. Having got off the mark as captain, he has hardly looked back since.

Three victories over England were followed by a fourth in a one-off Test against Zimbabwe and four more against Sri Lanka. Nine of the ten wins have been gained at home, the other in Sri Lanka.

West Indies now face a difficult task to get back into the three-match series and will be hoping for a return to form by Brian Lara by the time the second Test begins in Nagpur on December 1.

"Our batting was inconsistent in the first innings. I'm disappointed with the youngsters. I expected them to do well," Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, said, admitting the team was missing senior players of the calibre of Curtly Ambrose and Richie Richardson.

India have not lost a Test at home for five years and last month won the five-match, one-day series against West Indies by a 4-1 margin.

☐ Hansie Cronje, the new South Africa captain, led Orange Free State to a two-wicket win over the touring New Zealanders in Bloemfontein yesterday, four days before the start of the first Test.

Set 381 to win from 84 overs, after Martin Crowe had scored his 68th first-class century, the state side got home with five balls to spare, with Cronje 44 not out.

Ken Rutherford, the New Zealand captain, said he was "not that disappointed because it was a really good game; some positive things came out of it for us".

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 272 (N R Mongia 80, S V Manjrekar 51; C A Walsh 8 for 79).

Second Innings 333 (S R Tendulkar 85, S V Manjrekar 68, J Srinath 60; K C G Benjamin 4 for 82).

WEST INDIES: First Innings 243 (S L V Raju 5 for 60).

Second Innings

P V Simmons c Mongia b Prabhakar	0
S C Williams lbw b Srinath	11
B C Lara b Prabhakar	0
C L Hooper c Mongia b Srinath	23
K L T Arthurton c Azharuddin b Raju	20
J C Adams lbw b Srinath	81
†J R Murray b Chauhan	85
R Dhanraj c Tendulkar b Raju	4
K C G Benjamin c Azharuddin b Raju	2
*C A Walsh c and b Srinath	11
C E Cuffy not out	0
Extras (b 13, lb 10, nb 8)	31
Total	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-26, 4-48, 5-86, 6-244, 7-246, 8-252, 9-286

BOWLING: Prabhakar 3-0-17-2; Srinath 20-8-48-4; Raju 28.4-4-85-3; Kumble 12-1-39-0; Chauhan 15-3-45-1; Tendulkar 3-0-9-0.

Umpires: H D Bird (England) and S K Bansal (India).

WORD-WATCHING

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KETJAK

(c) A Balinese dance, with a male chorus, from the Balinese name. "The Monkey Dance or Ketjak Ceremonies impressed me more than all other dances and dramas. A Ketjak was held solely for our entertainment."

MOTOSCAFO

(c) In Italy, a motorboat, especially such a boat used as a public conveyance on the canals of beloved Venice. Ernest Hemingway, *Across the River and Under the Trees*, 1950: "I will get into the motoscafo and we will not ever see one another again."

LIMON

(b) A fine sandy soil, probably of similar origin to loess, which is widespread in northern France and Belgium, from the Latin *limus* mud, alluvium. "Where the covering of limon was thick, on the lower slopes the farmer has been able to cover the scars of war with fields of grain."

MURUMURU

(c) A Brazilian palm, *Astrocaryum murumuru*, whose stem is covered with black spines, from the Tupi. "We stopped again to take on a canoe load of murumuru nuts. They are sometimes burned in the furnaces and they burn rather like charcoal."

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ROMANTIC tall, well built, brown eyes, cool, enjoys travel, underclothes, horse life, cuddles and more, seeks his special long haired lady for romance, fun and love. So why not let your lovely long hair down and drop me a line. Distance no problem. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 2231

United bank on Cantona's return as they strive to stay in Europe

Ice-cool Bruce confounds Swedes

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN GOTHENBURG

MANCHESTER United were reminded yesterday, ahead of their critical European Cup Champions' League match against IFK Gothenburg tonight, of just how stealthily the Swedes can deliver a telling shot without perceptible change in demeanour.

We have seen it, of course, in the way Borg and Edberg maintained chilled emotions as they conquered tennis opponents, apparently neither raising his pulse rate nor quickening his pace. We saw it here in Gothenburg when a television interviewer suddenly confronted Alex Ferguson, the United manager, with: "We think in Sweden that you are a strong team — whose weakness is slowness at the centre of defence."

Ferguson's eyes bulged. He had controlled, serenely for him, the press conference to that point; now he was silent. At his side was Steve Bruce, the United captain, one month short of his 34th birthday.

"Are you talking about me?" Bruce said. He had on his face the smile of a Geordie warrior. "Obviously Swedish people are not very good judges of our game. If you are talking about me, you're probably right. But Gary Pallister is the quickest central defender in England, probably one of the quickest in Europe." And with that, still smiling, though a little pink, Bruce concluded: "He's quick, but his partner is verging on slow ... they've been saying that for 20 years."

That interjection had broken the flow, the command and the comfort of Ferguson's conference. He was sitting in his favourite Swedish hotel, the place where he celebrated with Aberdeen the winning of the 1983 Cup Winners' Cup over Real Madrid.

That had been an evening of torrential rain. Now, as night swiftly crowded out the short Scandinavian day, Ferguson prepared take United out into the lights of the Ullevi stadium for afternoon training. They were travelling light, for they had left behind on the treatment table the injured Giggs, Keane, Parker, Schmeichel and Sharpe.

One man's misfortune is another man's opportunity, however, and Ferguson, emphasising that he expects a tight, British-style game with few goals and a premium on experience, was able to turn to Brian McClair.

"Brian will definitely play," Ferguson said, smiling. There has been a special bond between the manager and the Scottish player over the past seven years. Yet the last time McClair had been chosen in a European game for United was September 1992 in Moscow. "I'm looking forward to playing," the understated McClair said. Then, fending off questions about exasperation in so long a time in the shadows, he rejoined: "I'm quite happy to be part of a club like this — so far I haven't regretted staying."

But McClair, we know, will do a steady, reliable job. Soon the conversation turned to Eric Cantona. What kind of a return was Ferguson expecting of his Frenchman after his four-match suspension following his temperamental abuse of the referee in Istanbul a year ago? "I hope it's a winning impact," the manager answered.

He repeated what he has said so many times, that Cantona ignites his team, that United seldom lose with him as the catalyst. "He desperately wants to do well," Ferguson said. "I think that showed itself in Turkey, it's fair to say we have missed him. He's got such pride in him, and he knows he needs to try to control it."

ROSS KINNAIRD



Cantona, Manchester United's midfield inspiration, delights one Swede at least as he signs his autograph

Ferguson admitted there had been a lot of "self-analysing" after losing 4-0 in Barcelona. He is justly proud of the way United have returned to continue a six-match winning run in English football and agreed with his captain, Bruce, that the paramount object in Gothenburg is not to concede an early goal, to build a defensive platform out of which they can strive for the victory they must attain unless it is to be goodnight and goodbye to England's presence in the leading European tournament.

Ferguson has studied over and over again the victory Gothenburg achieved here, coming from a goal down to win 2-1, against Barcelona. "It was won through perseverance," Ferguson said. "We have to respect Gothenburg; they are a team very experienced in Europe."

Gothenburg return that respect. Roger Gustafsson, their coach, said: "We didn't expect to have six points by this stage, but we are not a bad team at home. I hear United think we will be weakened if we are without Jesper Blomqvist [struggling with a hamstring injury] but I'm sure that a really big team like United do not fear any one player of mine. Perhaps they respect our play a little bit."

Perhaps they do, and the fear persists that by tonight the Swedes, through that calm, persevering manner, might just have eliminated English interest from the Champions' League.

IFK GOTHENBURG (4-4-2): T Ravelli — P Karlsek, M Johansson, J Bjorklund, M Nilsson — M Mortensson, S Rehn, S Lindqvist, J Blomqvist (or P Berigtsson) — S Pettersson, M Erlingmark.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): G Walsh — D May, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, B McClair, P Ince, N Butt (or S Davies) — M Hughes, E Cantona.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gothenburg ..	4	3	0	1	6	5	6
Barcelona ...	4	2	1	1	9	5	5
Man United ...	4	1	2	1	6	8	4
Galatasaray .	4	0	1	3	1	4	1

RESULTS: Manchester United 4 Gothenburg 2; Barcelona 2 Galatasaray 1; Galatasaray 0 Manchester United 0; Gothenburg 2 Barcelona 1, Gothenburg 1 Galatasaray 0, Manchester United 2 Barcelona 2; Galatasaray 0 Gothenburg 1; Barcelona 4 Manchester United 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Gothenburg v Manchester United; Galatasaray v Barcelona. Dec 7: Manchester United v Galatasaray; Barcelona v Gothenburg.

Refusals weaken European hopes

THREE recent world champions have rejected Britain's advances for them to compete in the European cross-country championships on December 10 (David Powell writes). The inaugural championships are being staged at Alnwick, Northumberland, but the host nation has been weakened in the women's race after Liz McColgan, the 1991 world champion at 10,000 metres, Paula Radcliffe, the 1992 world junior cross-country champion, and Yvonne Murray, the 1993 world indoor 3,000 metres champion, declined places.

McColgan's absence is the heaviest blow because recent form suggests she would have been among the leaders. Although Radcliffe is returning to fitness after a foot injury, she is not ready for competition, and Murray, having won the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres in Victoria last summer, is not the cross-country devotee she used to be.

British medal hopes rest with the men, led by Richard Nerurkar, a strong medal prospect and potential winner.

French stage protest

RUGBY LEAGUE: The French Rugby League Federation is to protest against the failure of Leeds to release Patrick Entat, the scrum half, for the President's XIII match against the Australians at Evry, near Paris, tomorrow. Jean-Paul Ferre, the president of the French federation, said he would file a complaint with the Rugby League. Ferre is also annoyed about the absence of David Fraisse, the Bradford centre, who reportedly declined to take part, preferring to save himself for the international a week on Sunday.

Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby League, who asked Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, to release Entat, said: "We have had to go by the rule book. The French argued that their players should be released for all representative matches, but the international rules do say it is for Test matches only."

Devine edges through

REAL TENNIS: Mark Devine trailed two sets to nil to Kevin Sheldon, his fellow Leamington professional, before reaching the quarter-final of the British Land British Open championship at the Queen's Club, London. The veteran Sheldon, still one of the most astute and fluent players in the game, contained Devine in the first two sets and held points for 3-1 in the third, but failed to press home his advantage. Devine grew in confidence and dropped only three games in the last two sets. Chris Bray, of Petworth, the French Open champion, also lived dangerously before beating Paul Tabley, of Australia, in the fifth set.

Romack races clock

YACHTING: Time is running out for the tail-enders in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race. Neal Petersen, of South African, and Simone Biancheitte, of Italy, are due to reach Cape Town from Charleston, South Carolina, tomorrow, but Harry Mitchell, 70, from Portsmouth, may not arrive until Saturday, when the fleet sets out on the second stage, to Sydney. These three have the option of continuing, but Floyd Romack, still 1,500 miles from the Cape, has only six days to beat the 30-day deadline behind the finish time set by David Adams, the class leader.

Argentina opening

MOTOR RACING: The Formula One circuit will open next year in Argentina on March 12, the International Automobile Federation (FIA) announced yesterday. The FIA said the venues for each race would be announced after a meeting of the World Motor Sport Council on December 9. Hungary has been named a reserve with the date fixed for August 13.

GRAND PRIX DATES: Mar 12: Argentina. 26: Brazil. Apr 16: Pacific. 30: San Marino. May 14: Spain. 28: Monaco. Jun 11: Canada. Jul 2: France. 16: British. 30: Germany. Aug 27: Belgium. Sep 10: Italy. 24: Portugal. Oct 8: Europe. 29: Japan. Nov 12: Australia. Reserve: Aug 13: Hungary.

Thompson loses title

BOXING: Carl Thompson, of Manchester, was controversially stripped of his European cruiserweight title yesterday. Frank Warren, Thompson's co-manager, has instructed his lawyers to act against the European Boxing Union after it had declared the title vacant, despite the fact that medical advisers had told the champion not to compete because of a hand and wrist injury. Thompson was due to make a mandatory defence against Norbert Ekassi, of France, in Paris on December 10. The winner of the vacant title must meet Thompson within 90 days.

Pressure builds on troubled AC Milan

SIX months ago, AC Milan were being hailed as one of the truly great European football teams, heirs to Real Madrid, Ajax, Bayern Munich and the Dutch-driven Milan of Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard. Their victory in the European Cup final over Barcelona in Athens was as intimidating as it was impressive. Driven by Silvio Berlusconi's millions, it was simply a question of how long they would dominate the game at club level.

Now, the question is whether they can at all. This season has been little short of a disaster for Milan, already out of the Italian Cup, wallowing in mid-table in the Italian league and, on Wednesday, in danger of all but going out of the competition that matters most at the San Siro — the European Cup. Defeat by Ajax, the Dutch champions, would leave them teetering in group D of the Cup's Champions' League with the quarter-finals only a distant prospect.

Had the game been played in Milan, as it was supposed to be when the fixtures were drawn up, the Italians may not have been quite as nervous of this game as they are, but even that advantage is denied them, a legacy of a bottle-throwing incident in an earlier Champions' League tie with Casino Salzburg. The Austrians' goalkeeper, Otto Konrad, was hit by a water bottle thrown by a Milan supporter, which resulted in a two-point penalty handed down by Uefa, European football's governing body, and Milan meeting Ajax, as they already have AEK Athens, in Trieste.

They will do so without Dejan Savicevic, the Montenegrin forward, who is injured; without Gullit, who has rejoined Sampdoria after an aborted second spell at Milan this season ended in frustration; and, probably, without Demetrio Albertini, a pivotal figure in midfield. They could have done with all three: Ajax, one of the youngest teams in the competition, have been in brilliant form all year and beat Milan, convincingly, when the two met earlier in the competition in Amsterdam.

Barcelona, who trounced Manchester United in their last group A game, travel to Turkey to play Galatasaray and may leave out Hristo Stoichkov, their Bulgaria striker, in favour of Gheorghe Hagi, the Romania playmaker, instead. Hagi has been a peripheral figure so far in the Spanish champions' European campaign, but, with a point to prove, he is likely to take centre stage in Istanbul.

Rideout backs move for Ferguson

PAUL Rideout yesterday urged Joe Royle, the new Everton manager, to make Duncan Ferguson his first signing and build on the signs of a revival that were evident in their victory over Liverpool on Monday night.

Ferguson, the Rangers striker valued at £4 million, put Everton on course for the victory that lifted them off the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership with his first goal for the club, and was then involved in the move that led to Rideout securing a 2-0 victory. "It will be great if we can keep Duncan," Rideout said. "He gives us options and makes a big difference."

The Everton captain, Dave Watson, also admired Ferguson's performance. "He won everything in the air, chased them and caused problems," Watson said. "If you have a big man like that it's a great outlet for defenders."

After leaving Oldham Athletic to succeed Mike Walker at Goodison, Royle could not have asked for a better start than victory in a Merseyside derby, and he will be hoping that the side can reproduce its battling qualities when Everton play Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. He will have to move quickly to sign Ferguson, though. Rangers confirming yesterday that the forward will return to Ibrox when his loan period ends next month.

"Psychologically, it will do us the world of good to see ourselves off the bottom," Royle said, "but we have to continue that in London. We've only scored one goal away from home all season, so this is a hard act to follow.

"It wasn't going to change overnight, and it hasn't, but there were good signs there. It's a great start, but it's back to basics now."

In the FA Cup, Swansea City, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division team, safely negotiated a potentially difficult first-round hurdle with a 2-0 victory over Walton and Hersham, of the Diadora League. They now visit Bashley, the Beazer Homes League side, in the second round on December 3.

Walton have a fine Cup pedigree, having knocked out Brian Clough's Brighton in 1973 in one of the most famous giantkilling acts, but the Surrey side never looked likely to repeat that feat on a misty night at Stompond Lane.

An early headed goal from their defender, John Ford, put Swansea in control, and they missed several chances before Kwame Ampadu scored with a close-range header in stoppage time.

Arsenal could delay Wright's return

IAN Wright is included in the Arsenal squad for the FA Carling Premiership game with struggling Leicester City at Filbert Street tonight after completing a three-match suspension during which he had intensive treatment for a groin injury that has troubled him for most of the season.

The Arsenal manager, George Graham, although happy to welcome back a forward who has scored 16 goals this season, is not certain to include him the starting line-up.

"I've not made up my mind yet whether to play him," Graham said. "But whatever happens, he's looking good for the game with Manchester United on Saturday."

Wright made his Arsenal debut at Leicester three years ago, scoring in a drawn match in the Rumbelows Cup. Since then he has added a further 106 goals for the club.

While he has been out, his young deputy, Paul Dickov, has impressed Graham, despite missing a penalty against Southampton on Saturday, and could retain his place up front alongside Kevin Campbell.

Paul Merson and Alan Smith are still ruled out by illness and injury respectively and Ian Selley, 20, is again likely to be preferred to the Danish international, John Jensen.

John Spencer, who earned his first Scotland cap against Russia last week, will almost certainly miss Chelsea's London derby at Tottenham tonight, but the striker, Paul Furlong, and the defender, Frank Sinclair, are back in the squad after recovering from hamstring strains. Spencer was carried off with a calf injury after scoring the winning goal — his fourth goal in four games — against Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager and former Tottenham player, may be among the substitutes at White Hart Lane. His assistant, Peter Shreeves, who has had two spells as manager of Tottenham, said the Chelsea manager was "looking as good in training as he has for some time and could well play a part".

Hoddle must find a replacement for the Norwegian international centre half, Erland Johnsen, who is serving a one-match suspension after being sent off in the defeat at Liverpool two weeks ago. David Lee looks the obvious choice as replacement.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

European Champions' League
Group A
IFK Gothenburg v Man Utd
Galatasaray v Barcelona (6.30)
Group B
Spartak Moscow v Dynamo Kiev (3.0)
Bayern Munich v Paris Saint-Germain
Group C
Benfica v Hajduk Split
Steaua Bucharest v Anderlecht (6.30)
Group D
AEK Athens v Salzburg (6.30)
AC Milan v Ajax

FA Carling Premiership
* Leicester v Arsenal (7.45)
Tottenham v Chelsea (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Swindon v Burnley (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Bolton (7.45)

FA Cup
First round replay
Torquay v Kidderminster

Vauxhall Conference
Telford v Merthyr Tydfil (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
First division
Stranraer v Dundee

FA VASE: Second round: Whitehawk v Chatham Town.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Canterbury Cup: Second round: Chesham United v Harrow Borough; Molesey v Bromley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Baldock Town U Male and L Danby beat Tonbridge II (K Walker and P Le Marchand) 15-7, 15-6, 15-11; Hasleybury (R Wakeley and R Ellis) beat Malvern II (S Shenkman and R Henman) 15-8, 15-6, 12-15, 13-18, 15-7, Harrow I (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) beat Tonbridge IV (R Gracey and J Wilmot) 15-2, 15-5, 15-7, Radley (J Male and L Danby beat Tonbridge II (K Walker and P Le Marchand) 15-7, 15-6, 15-11; Hasleybury (R Wakeley and R Ellis) beat Malvern II (S Shenkman and R Henman) 15-8, 15-6, 12-15, 13-18, 15-7, Harrow I (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) beat Tonbridge IV (R Gracey and J Wilmot) 15-2, 15-5, 15-7

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RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

Representative matches
Cambridge University v M R Steele-Bodger's XV (3.0)
Army v Australian Combined Services (at Aldershot)

Tour matches
North Under-21 v New Zealand Youth (7.30) (at Newcastle Gosforth)
Berry Hill v Canturians (SA)

CIS county championship
Midlands group B
Warwickshire v East Midlands (7.15) (at Coventry)

Club matches
Aberavon v Maesteg
Aberdillery v Tredegar
Clifton v Bristol University (7.30)
Aspatria v Penrith (7.15)
Lydney v Royal Navy
Moseley v Shropshire (7.30)
Pontypool v Bath
Rugby v H M Prisons (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Worthing v Hemel (8.0).

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation junior-flyweight championship (scheduled): Paul Weir (GB) v Paul Quitden (GB); British bantamweight championship: Drew Docherty (Scot, holder) v Adey Bentton (Eng) (Irvine, Scotland).

MOTOR RALLYING: Network Q RAC Rally.

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).

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FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 5 Bristol Rovers 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division (corrected result, November 19): Worcester 1 Cambridge City 3

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: River Plate 2 Mandiyu de Comentes 2, Boca Juniors 0 Argentinos Juniors 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata 3 Velez Sarsfield 1, Independiente 2 Huracan 1; San Lorenzo 2 Platense 2; Belgrano de Córdoba 3 Deportivo Español 2; Gimnasia de Jujuy 0 Newell's Old Boys 0; Banfield 1 Racing Club 0; Rosario Central 1 Lanus 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Guarani 1 São Paulo 0; Botafogo 5 Portuguesa 2; Fluminense 0 Santos 1; Corinthians 0 Sport 3, Bahia 3 Paysandu 0; Parana 0 Internacional 0; Palmeiras 3 Vasco 0.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National league: Red Star Southampton 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0. Southern division: Maidstone Tigresses 1 Wimbledon 0.

Tuesday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Everton 2 Liverpool 0

FA CUP: First round: Walton and Hersham 0 Swansea 2. First-round replay: Runcorn 1 Halifax 3 (aet, score at 90min 0-0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 0 Luton 3.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 4 Leeds 3. Second division: Birmingham 1 Blackpool 2, Leicester 3 Barnsley 2; Preston 1 Newcastle 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: First-round replay: Derby County 0 Aston Villa 3. Second round: Stoke City 1 Notts County 0; York City 0 Birmingham City 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 1 Guisley 0. First division Cup: Second round: Ashton 1 Curzon Ashton 1, Worksop 6 Farsley 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Welton 0 Melksham 0.

FIFA RANKINGS: 1, Brazil 66.90pts; 2, Sweden 61.52; 3, Italy 61.35; 4, Germany 60.68; 5, Spain 60.56; 6, Holland 59.80; 7, Switzerland 57.66; 8, Ireland 57.63; 9, Argentina 57.58; 10, Norway 57.37; 11, Romania 56.77; equal 12, Nigeria, Russia 54.39; 14, Denmark 54.26; 15, Colombia 52.74; 16, England 52.56; 17, Bulgaria 51.94; 18, France 51.84; 19, Mexico 51.64; 20, Zambia 49.63; 21, Portugal 48.13, 22, Belgium 48.11; 23, Egypt 48.01, 24, United States 47.70, 25, Ivory Coast 46.44; 26, Ghana 45.83, 27, Saudi Arabia 44.95; 28, Cameroon 43.69; 29, Tunisia 43.61; 30, Scotland 43.04.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Giants 13 Houston 10

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 92 San Antonio 88; Orlando 124 Miami 89; Utah 106 Phoenix 91

CRICKET

BLOEMFONTEIN: Tour match (final day of four). New Zealanders 538-7 dec and 234-3 dec, Orange Free State 392-5 dec and 383-8. Orange Free State won by two wickets

FIGURE SKATING

BUDAPEST: World junior championships: qualifying round A: 1, E Ivanova (Russ) 1.0; 2, J Sebestyen (Hun) 2.0, 3, S Arakawa (Japan) 3.0; 4, T Aatlo (US) 4.0, 5, V Gussilmo (Fra) 5.0; 6, C Gossard (US) 6.0; 7, V Grunchi (It) 7.0; 8, A Dre (Fin) 8.0; 9 V Dyrit (Ger) 9.0; 10, S Wojtala (Pol) 10.0; 11, J Lautowa (Austra) 11.0; 12, S Pankova (Bul) 12.0, 13, J Arrowsmith (GB) 13.0. Round B: 1, T Lipenski (US 1.0), 2, K Berankova (Cz) 2.0, 3, L Ruh (Switz) 3.0; 4, Y Lawrenchuk (Ukr) 4.0; 5, M Nikitochkina (Belo) 5.0; 6, D Poth (Hun) 6.0; 7, E-M Fitze (Ger) 7.0; 8, J Rasorenova (Russ) 8.0; 9, J Sale (Can) 9.0, 10, Y Kawasaki (Japan) 10.0; 11, J Carter (Aus) 11.0; 12, R Salisbury (Can) 12.0; 13, T Panjkrei (Cro) 13.0.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Price (Zim) 21.39pts average; 2, G Norman (Aus) 20.22; 3, B Langer (Ger) 15.99; 4, N Faldo (GB) 15.82; 5, J M Olazabal (Sp) 15.18, 6, F Couples (US) 13.76, 7, E Els (SA) 13.48; 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.30; 9, M Ozaki (Japan) 11.72, 10, C Pavin (US) 11.12; 11, D Frost (SA) 9.80; 12, F Zoeller (US) 9.75; 13, T Kite (US) 9.19; 14, V Singh (Fiji) 8.78, 15, S Ballesteros (Sp) 8.73, 16, M McNulty (Zim) 8.46, 17, T Lehman (US) 8.37; 18, I Woosnam (GB) 8.30; 19, P Mickelson (US) 7.50, 20, L Roberts (US) 7.46.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Pontypridd 3 South Africa XV 9; Rugby 67 Pirates (SA) 20.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Public School Old Boys doubles championship: First round: Wellington I (T Cockroft and T Florey-Cockson) bt Charterhouse (J Acheson-Gray and T Drayson) 15-7, 15-1, 15-1. Harrow I (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) bt Tonbridge IV (R Gracey and J Wilmot) 15-2, 15-5, 15-7, Radley (J Male and L Danby beat Tonbridge II (K Walker and P Le Marchand) 15-7, 15-6, 15-11; Hasleybury (R Wakeley and R Ellis) beat Malvern II (S Shenkman and R Henman) 15-8, 15-6, 12-15, 13-18, 15-7, Harrow I (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) beat Tonbridge IV (R Gracey and J Wilmot) 15-2, 15-5, 15-7

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Open: First round (GB unless stated). N Wood bt S Brookenshaw 6-0, 6-0, 6-1; F Wills bt R Gunn 6-5, 6-5, 6-2, K Sheldon bt P Jarvis 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, N Pendrigh bt T Heughan 6-2, 6-2, 6-0, P Brake bt S Ronaldson 1-6, 4-6, 6-5, 6-0, 6-3. Second round: M Devine bt Sheldon 5-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; C Bray bt P Tabley (Aus) 6-4, 6-3, 5-6, 4-6, 6-3, J Snow bt K Ludekens 6-3, 6-1, 6-0; L Deucher (Aus) bt P Brake 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; J Howell bt Pendrigh 5-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 2 Walker Fammond Manchester 1 (S Meads bt P Gregory 10-9, 9-10, 9-7, 10-8; C Rowland lost to D Ryan 5-9, 9-2, 5-9, 8-9, A Kirkland bt N Taylor 9-6, 9-6, 9-0); Ogmore Valley Dragons 2 Jim Hall Sports Northern 1 (P Whitlock lost to A Hill 4-9, 9-4, 1-9, 2-9; M Cairns bt A Gough 9-1, 7-9, 9-3, 9-1; C Van der Wath bt G Thwaite 9-3, 9-3, 9-4); ICL Lion Hearts 1 Cannons Club 2 (C Walker lost to P Nicol 9-3, 7-9, 2-9, 5-9; R Norman bt T Hands 9-1, 8-10, 9-1, 4-0 ret; M Chaloner lost to S Park 9-6, 8-10, 2-9, 1-9), Welsh Back Wizards 3 Rackets Club 0 (D Harris bt P Johnson 9-6, 9-0, 4-9, 1-9, 9-5; A Dawes bt D Webb 7-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-2; A Barada bt J Ransome 9-6, 6-9, 9-6, 9-7)

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TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Mens: Fourth round: Purna Sunderland 2 Barnard Castle School 1, Ilkley w/o Graves Sheffield scr; Upper Armley Leads 0 Fife Hallamshire Sheffield 3, Lincoln Indoor 0 Long Road Cambridge 3; Nottingham Indoor 3 Watchorn Alfreton 0, Clearview Brentwood 0 Purna Gosling 3; Connaughts 2 David Lloyd Chigwell 1; Hazelwood 1 David Lloyd Bushey 2, Roehampton 2 Middlesex University 1; Walton Astros 1 David Lloyd Heston 2; BBC 0 David Lloyd Finchley 3, Chris Lane Woking 3 Telford Park Streatham 0; Royal Berkshire 3 Carlton 0; Deal 0 Maidstone 3; Paridangley Bromley 2 Crawley 1; Sutton Junior 2 Surrey Country Club 1; West Hampshire Bournemouth 1 Cantrecourt Basingstoke 2; Windmill Hill 3 Pavilion and Avenue Hove 0

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 5,097pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 3,249, 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,237, 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 3,007, 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,936; 6, M Chang (US) 2,847; 7, S Edberg (Swe) 2,471; 8, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470; 9, M Stich (Ger) 2,380; 10, T Martin (US) 2,307; 11, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,174; 12, W Ferreira (SA) 2,121; 13, J Courier (US) 1,909; 14, M Rosset (Switz) 1,707; 15, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,655; 16, T Muster (Austria) 1,616, 17, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,407; 18, P Korda (Cz) 1,397; 19, M Larsson (Swe) 1,331; 20, J Stoltenberg (Aus) 1,288 British: 74, J Bates 591; 104, M Petchey 476; 161, T Henman 281; 191, C Wilkinson 217; 241, G Henderson 153; 246, R Matheson 145; 271, N Gould 129; 277, A Foster 124; 279, M Maciagan 122; 307, D Sapsford 106.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (Ger); 2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 3, C Martinez (Sp); 4, J Novotna (Cz); 5, M Pierce (Fr); 6, L Davenport (US); 7, G Sabatini (Arg), 8, M Navratilova (US); 9, K Date (Japan); 10, N Zvereva (Belo); 11, M Maleeva (Bul); 12, A Huber (Ger).

WEIGHTLIFTING

ISTANBUL: World championship: Men: 70kg: 1, F Gufer (Tur) snatch 160kg (world record), jerk 190, total: 350; 2, Y Yotov (Bul) 155, 190, 345; A Fen (Hun) 145, 190, 335. Women: 55kg: 1, Z Fale (China) 97.5, 122.5, 220.0; 2, G Kirilova (Bul) 90.0, 112.5, 202.5; 3, S Khaosaraborn (Thai) 85.0, 112.5, 197.5. 64kg: 1, Li Hongyun (China) 105, 130, 235; 2, Kuo Su-fen (Taiwan) 90.0, 115.0, 205.0; 3, E Markus (Hun) 92.5, 105.0, 197.5;

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: RVA world super men's four-nations' tournament: Italy 3 United States 1; Holland 3 Japan 0.

Ireland holds strong hand for Champion Hurdle

Fortune And Fame looks tempting value at 14-1

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

IN THE early 1980s, the remarkable trainer Vincent O'Brien advised punters to back the stable, not the horse. As regards the Champion Hurdle next March, it may be advisable to back the country.

The four good reasons for considering such a wager are Danoli, Montelado and the Dermot Weld-trained pair, Vintage Crop and Fortune And Fame.

The Irish-based quartet dominate the ante-post market and in a year when one of the shortest-priced British contenders is a handicap winner Atours, they look to represent the real quality wing of hurdling.

However, such a jingoistic move should be considered with a certain amount of caution as, of the four hopefuls, only Danoli seems to possess a reliable chassis.

A tendon strain has kept Montelado out of action for 20 months. Vintage Crop is not certain to go hurdling in the new year, while Fortune And Fame has been dogged by leg injuries that would make football international Paul McGrath give thanks for his cartilage-less knees.

Taking these considerations into account, punters have latched on to Danoli, who made such an impact last season as the novice champion, and is as low as 5-1 for the hurdlers' crown.

The story of Danoli and his trainer, Tom Foley, has almost become folklaw, but has not affected Foley's sense of proportion.

"No horse is value at 5-1 at this stage," he said yesterday. "With four months to go, it is 5-1 just to get there fit, but I suppose people will always take a price. We were even backed at 2-1 at Cheltenham last March. I'd never do that but I suppose any price is value if you win."

Danoli beat only modest rivals on his reappearance at Punchestown recently, but faces a much sterner test in the Hattons Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on December 4.

Michael Hourigan, who trains Doran's Pride, is convinced his five-year-old would have made Danoli pull out all the stops in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle had he not fallen at the last. He will get the chance to test his theory at Fairyhouse, but Foley is not too concerned.

"Danoli will not be spot on for Fairyhouse or anything else before Cheltenham. I'll forfeit all the other races to get him right for the Festival. December is very early to have a Champion Hurdle horse fully fit," Foley said.

Foley makes it clear the welfare of his horse is paramount. "We just got away with the ground last season at Cheltenham. If it's firmer ground next March, it would be on my mind not to run him. It is up to the owner, but there will be other Champion Hurdles and Gold Cups and I will not take a chance on breaking him down and being left with nothing," Foley said.

The same applies to running in the Champion or the Stayers' Hurdle. "The aim is the Champion but if the horse changes my mind, we will switch. The horse will tell us which to run in," he said. Taking into account his trainer's remarks, the 5-1 offered against Danoli looks very skimpy.

Montelado has a tremendous record at Cheltenham. Under Richard Dunwoody, he romped away with the Tote Festival bumper in 1992 and was a quite exceptional winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle the following year, breaking the track record in the process.

Since then, his trainer, Pat Flynn, has shown admirable patience in nursing Montelado's vulnerable tendon, but a conditions race at Thurles on December 18 will give a first indication as to Flynn's success.

Flynn said: "I'm being careful with him but he is working well and I am very happy. I might run him again at Leopardstown at Christmas, but the only thing that really matters is the Champion Hurdle itself."

Dermot Weld and Dr Michael Smurfit will decide in the new year whether Vintage Crop wil be prepared for the Champion Hurdle. Weld is keeping his options open saying Vintage Crop is a 50-50 chance to do so, but the performance of Fortune And Fame in the Bookmaker's Hurdle at Leopardstown over the Christmas holiday is sure to have a large bearing on that.

Fortune And Fame is avoiding a clash with Danoli and Doran's Pride at Fairyhouse to wait for the two-mile event he won last year. His fragile legs are in good order and, at present odds of around 14-1, he may prove the best value of the big four in Ireland's quest for the championship.

Nap: OATIS REGRETS
(1.00 Windsor)
Next best: Betty's Boy
(12.50 Cheltenham)

MARTIN LYNCH



Danoli, impressive winner of the Martell Aintree Hurdle in April, is 5-1 favourite for the Champion Hurdle

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

12.50 Betty's Boy
1.25 Marchwood
2.00 Earth Summit
2.35 Relkeel
3.10 River Mandate
3.45 Elegant King

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.50 BETTY'S BOY.

101 113143- GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 NEW FAMOUS FOODS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,868: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

101 005-51F BETTER BYTHE GLASS 7 (S) (Bloodstock Syn) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8 D Bridgwater 82
102 00/101- THE BOILER WHITE 11 (F,S) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 5-11-8 .... D Meade 89
103 1 BETTY'S BOY 12 (CD,G) (R Shaw) K Bailey 5-11-4 .... N Williamson 89
104 00-64 BIG ARTHUR 12 (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 5-11-0 .... A Maguire 71
105 1/PF5-2 GRUNGE 18 (S) (Mrs S Nash) D Murray Smith 6-11-0 .... D Gallagher 72
106 0/0000-P WOODLANDS POWER 18 (Woodlands (Worcs) Ltd) P Pritchard 6-11-0 .... W Marston –
107 030-306 TENBIT 22 (C Haycock) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-13 .... T Jenks (3) 53
108 60- FRA'S GIRL 224 (Lady Susan Brooke) Lady Susan Brooke 5-10-9 .... Mr M Jackson –

BETTING: 15-8 Betty's Boy, 3-1 Better Bythe Glass, 9-2 The Boiler White, 13-2 Grunge, 8-1 Big Arthur, 20-1 Fra's Girl, 25-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

BETTER BYTHE GLASS dead-heating with Maybe O'Grady, beat Little Gunner 1l in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 6f, good to soft). Previously beat GRUNGE (6lb better off) 8l in novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft), with WOODLANDS POWER (8lb better off) pulled up before 3 out. THE BOILER WHITE beat Sorubim 2½l in 14-runner novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). BETTY'S BOY beat Washington Heights 5l in novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with BIG ARTHUR (4lb better off) 20¼l 4th. BIG ARTHUR 17l 6th of 21 to Blue Laws in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: BETTY'S BOY

1.25 COMPASS CATERING NOVICES CHASE (£4,720: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

201 4366-21 MARCHWOOD 25 (G,S) (B Hathaway) D Nicholson 7-11-6 .... A Maguire
202 3PP4-41 BUCKSHOT 12 (CD,G) (B Wootton) J Gifford 6-11-2 .... P Hide 67
203 21 MONKSFORT 36 (D,F) (S Wilson) N Henderson 8-11-2 .... M A Fitzgerald 80
204 5116/1 MONTEBEL 14 (F,G,S) (M Arnold) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 .... D Bridgwater 83

BETTING: 7-4 Marchwood, 5-2 Buckshot, 11-4 Montebel, 9-2 Monksfort.

FORM FOCUS

MARCHWOOD beat Front Line neck in 10-runner novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). BUCKSHOT beat Pickletstone 2½l in 9-runner amateur riders' novice chase over course and distance (good). MONKSFORT beat Paper Star 3½l in 7-runner novice chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, firm). MONTEBEL beat The Frog Prince 1¾l in 8-runner novice chase at Newbury (2m 4f, heavy).
Selection: MARCHWOOD

2.00 COMPASS GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£6,775: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

301 21PPR4- RIVERSIDE BOY 221 (V,G,S) (Blagrove Partnership) M Pipe 11-12-0 R Dunwoody 93
302 2P01-51 EARTH SUMMIT 12 (B,CD,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 .... D Bridgwater
303 01PPR6- GARRISON SAVANNAH 210 (B,C,D,G,S) (Autotour) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-4 W Marston
304 5233-P5 FLASHTHECASH 20 (CD,F,S) (G Madan Mohan) G Balding 8-10-11 A P McCoy (5) 98
305 0-21226 HARRISTOWN LADY 25 (B,F,G) (S Berson) P Hobbs 7-10-5 .... A Maguire 93
306 P111-23 WARNER FOR WINNERS 8 (D,F,G,S) (Terry Warner) P Hobbs 8-10-3 N Williamson 95

BETTING: 5-4 Earth Summit, 5-2 Riverside Boy, 5-1 Flashthecash, 11-2 Garrison Savannah, 10-1 Harristown Lady, Warner For Winners.

FORM FOCUS

RIVERSIDE BOY best effort last season, beat Fiddler's Pike 20l in grade III Coral Welsh National at Chepstow (3m 5f 110yd, heavy). EARTH SUMMIT beat Maramick 10l in 6-runner limited handicap chase over course and distance (good). On final start last season beat Bishops Island 14l in Grade III Scottish National at Ayr (4m 1f, good), with RIVERSIDE BOY (21lb better off) 8¾l 4th. GARRISON SAVANNAH distance last of 5 to Gale Again in Grade II Silver Trophy Chase here (2m 5f, good to firm). FLASHTHECASH distance 5th of 9 to Lusty Light in limited handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). HARRISTOWN LADY best recent effort, beat Kerrys Commander 2l in handicap chase at Stratford (3m, good to firm). WARNER FOR WINNERS 1¾ lengths 2nd of 11 to Lo Stregone in amateur riders' handicap chase here (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

2.35 BATEMAN CATERING HURDLE (FOR THE SPORT OF KINGS' CHALLENGE) (£6,645: 2m 110yd (5 runners)

401 02F1-11 IRISH APPROACH 18 (D,F,G) Jonathan E Sheppard 5-11-10 .... Craig Thornton –
402 11F-11P T V GOLD 18 (D,F) (Augustin Stables) Jonathan E Sheppard 4-11-7 Miss Blythe Miller –
403 11121-1 RELKEEL 18 (C,D,S) (Brig C B Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-6 .... A Maguire
404 1521-25 GOSPEL 18 (C,D,BF,F,S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 D Bridgwater 88
405 P232-11 CHIEF'S SONG 12 (CD,G) (Mrs A Davies) S Dow 4-11-3 .... A Dicken 86

BETTING: 2-1 Relkeel, 3-1 Gospel, 7-2 Irish Approach, 4-1 T V Gold, Chief's Song.

FORM FOCUS

IRISH APPROACH completing hat-trick, beat Bryan Station head in 8-runner hurdle at Pine Mountain (2m 3f, firm), with T V GOLD pulled up. T V GOLD better effort, beat Rowdy Irishman 4l in hurdle at Morvern Park, Virginia (2m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. RELKEEL beat Giordano 6l in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). GOSPEL 2¾l 5th of 11 to Her Honour in Tote Silver Trophy at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, soft). CHIEF'S SONG completing double, beat Malaia 10l in 5-runner conditions hurdle over course and distance (good).
Selection: CHIEF'S SONG (nap)

3.10 CHARTWELLS INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,524: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

501 316P3-1 COUNTRY LAD 18 (G,S) (S Douch) Mrs S Williams 8-12-0 .... S McNeill 91
502 11F03-5 MUDAHIM 14 (BF,F,G,S) (K Bell) C Broad 8-12-0 .... W Marston 90
503 1/31311- EASY BUCK 340 (D,F,G,S) (J M & J W Cook) N Gaselee 7-11-6 .... C Maude 89
504 31221-1 RIVER MANDATE 13 (D,G,S) (Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-11-1 A Maguire 90
505 6-21214 REAL PROGRESS 20 (BF,G,S) (A Stennett) P Hobbs 6-10-0 .... G Tormey (7)
506 UP/1341- VISAGA 215 (F,S) (L Holsteinius) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-0 .... D Bridgwater 93

Long handicap: Visaga 9-10.

BETTING: 9-4 Country Lad, 5-2 Easy Buck, 7-2 River Mandate, 5-1 Mudahim, 7-1 Visaga, 10-1 Real Progress.

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LAD beat Mister Oddy 5l in 8-runner handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). MUDAHIM tailed off 5th of 6 to Midnight Caller in handicap chase at Newbury (3m, heavy). Better effort, 6¼l 3rd of 16 to Merry Gale in grade II Heineken Gold Cup at Punchestown (3m 1f, yielding) final start last season. EASY BUCK completing double, beat Baydon Star 15l in grade II Nost Novices' Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) final start last season. RIVER MANDATE beat Cool And Easy 7l in 9-runner handicap chase at Towcester (2m 6f, good to soft). REAL PROGRESS beat Eastshaw 8l in 8-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good) on penultimate start. VISAGA beat Debt Of Honor short-head in 16-runner novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to firm) final start last season.
Selection: COUNTRY LAD

3.45 EATONS EXCLUSIVE CATERING HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,354: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

601 P420P-6 SENDAI 8 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Tufnell) J Gifford 8-12-0 .... P Hide (3) 98
602 3130-02 CHIEF RAIDER 8 (CD,G,S) (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-8 .... A Maguire 95
603 212-400 MIDFELDER 12 (D,F,G,S) (Bournstream '87) P Hobbs 8-11-2 .... G McCourt 95
604 036-311 ELEGANT KING 18 (C,F,G,S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 5-10-13 .... P Morris (7) 90
605 11-2 MALAIA 12 (S) (Count K Goess-Saurau) J Old 4-10-10 .... N Williamson 90
606 0010-05 KYTTON CASTLE 12 (G,S) (Joint Partnership) R Dickin 7-10-9 .... R Dunwoody
607 1P/FFU DAGAZ 12 (C,G) (D Jones) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-8 .... D Bridgwater –
608 231341 WINGS OF FREEDOM 12 (V,CD,F,G) J Jenkins 6-10-4 .... E Husband 98
609 1258-02 MOUNTSHANNON 48 (D,F,G) (N King) C Trietline 8-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 90
610 00/PRRR- MANDALAY PRINCE 211 (F) (Miss C Wolcaenholme) T Kersey 10-10-0 Susan Kersey –

Long handicap: Mountshannon 9-8, Mandalay Prince 7-7.

BETTING: 11-4 Chief Raider, 5-1 Wings Of Freedom, Elegant King, 6-1 Malaia, 7-1 Mountshannon, 8-1 Dagaz, Sendai, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CHIEF RAIDER 1¾l 2nd of 13 to Tindari in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 6f, good to soft). MIDFELDER best effort 4l 2nd of 7 to Newton Point in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) in September 1993, with MANDALAY PRINCE refused 6th. ELEGANT KING completing double, beat Good Insight 1¼l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, soft). MALAIA 10l 2nd of 5 to Chief's Song in conditions hurdle here (2m 110yd, good). WINGS OF FREEDOM beat Lansdowne neck in 11-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance (good), with KYTTON CASTLE (6lb better off) 12¼l 5th, MIDFELDER (7lb better off) about 4½l 7th and DAGAZ unseated rider 1st. MOUNTSHANNON 20l 2nd of 7 to Jawani in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (3m 1f 110yd, firm).
Selection: WINGS OF FREEDOM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
K Bailey	15	64	23.4	R Dunwoody	43	214	20.1
D Nicholson	36	158	22.8	D Bridgwater	10	53	18.9
N Twiston-Davies	29	153	19.0	A Maguire	21	145	14.5
M Pipe	44	254	17.3	T Jenks	3	22	13.6
J Gifford	19	125	15.2	G McCourt	12	89	13.5
G Balding	17	116	14.7	W Marston	6	51	11.8
N Henderson	14	107	13.1	P Hide	3	27	11.1

☐ The Michael Stoute-trained Darrery finished fourth in the 10½-furlong Prix Predicateur at Saint-Cloud yesterday. The race was won by the 13-2 chance, Youngui. John Dunlop had his last runner in Italy for the year when Sud disappointed in finishing last of the six runners in the Premio Tchin Tchin over nine furlongs at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday.

Osborne waits on Hennessy chance

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

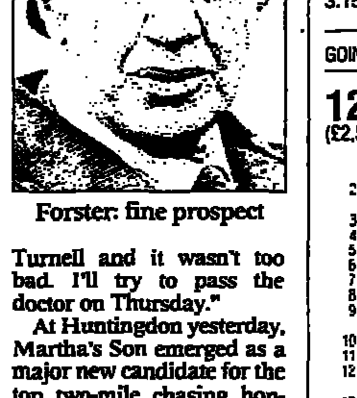
JAMIE Osborne is on standby to ride the well-fancied Captain Dibble or Tipping Tim in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday.

Nigel Twiston-Davies confirmed last night that precise riding plans hinged on the fitness of Carl Llewellyn, his stable jockey, who cracked a bone in his right foot at Towcester earlier this month. Llewellyn had physiotherapy yesterday as he attempts to be ready for the big chase.

Captain Dibble is third favourite for the Hennessy after bouncing back to form at Haydock last Wednesday when winning the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase.

Another jockey fighting to be fit for the big chase is Dan Fortt. The 5lb conditional rider is due to team up again with Andy Turnell's Cogent, whom he partnered to success in last year's race.

Fortt has been out of action since he fractured the joint at the top of his shoulder and sprang his collar-bone in a fall at Towcester 12 days ago. But he said yesterday: "I rode two lots yesterday for Mr Turnell and it wasn't too bad. I'll try to pass the doctor on Thursday."



Forster: fine prospect

At Huntingdon yesterday, Martha's Son emerged as a major new candidate for the top two-mile chasing honours when claiming the scalp of the former champion, Deep Sensation.

The seven-year-old provided Rodney Farrant with the most important success of his career by winning the £25,000-added Peterborough Chase.

Although victory looked assured from two fences out, Martha's Son was virtually on the floor at the last. He crashed through the fence, handing the advantage back to Deep Sensation, but recovered well to land the spoils by a length and a quarter.

Watching the action from Stratford, the winning trainer, Tim Forster, said: "It was a marvellous effort to pick themselves off the floor and get back to win the race."

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

12.30 House Captain. 1.00 Oatis Regrets. 1.30 *Armala*. *2.00 Treasure Again*. *2.30 Man From Mars*. 3.00 Will James. 3.30 Creeager.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.30 RIVER THAMES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,093: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 21 CALL THE GUV'NOR 13 (G) N Henderson 5-11-5 J R Kavanagh 85
2 1 HOUSE CAPTAIN 46 (G) K Bailey 5-11-5 .... F Leahy (5) 86
3 ARCTIC CHILL S Sherwood 4-10-12 .... J Osborne –
4 CHANTRO BAY M Bradstock 6-10-12 .... L Harvey –
5 2 GIVUS A CALL 21 J Gifford 4-10-12 .... E Murphy
6 065- HOLY STING 197 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 .... W Humphreys –
7 P LOCK TIGHT 29 B Stevens 4-10-12 .... M Stevens –
8 MONARDA 147F P Cole 7-10-12 .... G Bradley –
9 000- RUN TO AU BON 12F (B) A Moore 4-10-12 .... G Upton –
10 10-0 ST MELLION FAIRWAY 14 (S) J Old 5-10-12 .... T Grantham 85
11 P-0 STORMTRACKER 28 C Weedon 5-10-12 .... M Richards –
12 4/0 THIBAAN 11 J White 6-10-12 .... J Railton –
13 /0-0 APSIMORE 9 J Tuck 7-10-7 .... S McNeill –
14 30-P ROSIE-B 25 R Stronge 4-10-7 .... W McFarland –

5-2 Givus A Call, 7-2 Call The Guv'nor, 4-1 House Captain, 8-1 others.

1.00 WINDSOR CASTLE NOVICES CHASE (£3,270: 2m 5f) (12)

1 4-1P THE MILLWRIGHT 14 (D,F) M Bradstock 7-11-4 .... G Bradley
2 341- BALLY CLOVER 233 (G,S) N Henderson 7-10-11 J R Kavanagh
3 P6-2 CAPSIZE 7 (B,G) A Moore 8-10-11 .... B Powell 95
4 -5F3 JOHN ROGER 9 H Manners 8-10-11 .... A Tory 95
5 P3-P JURASSIC CLASSIC 22 Mrs L Richards 7-10-11 M Richards –
6 6-5F NIGHT FANCY 11 Mrs A Woodrow 6-10-11 J A McCarthy (3) 81
7 116/ *OATIS REGRETS 620 (S) Miss H Knight 6-10-11* .... *J Osborne* –
8 0P-U THE BRUID 11 S Sherwood 6-10-11 .... DOUBTFUL –
9 /FB-THE HOBORIAN 305P (G) J Young 7-10-11 .... A S Smith –
10 -333 USHAK 53 J Webber 6-10-11 .... R Bellamy –
11 -143 DOCS DILEMMA 49 (F) K Bailey 5-10-10 .... F Leahy (5) –
12 FP-P ROMANY CREEK 7 (V) G Balding 5-10-10 .... Ross Berry –

3-1 Bally Clover, 7-2 Capsize, 4-1 Oatis Regrets, 7-1 Ushak, 8-1 others.

1.30 CHOICE ACCOUNTANCY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,078: 2m) (6)

1 U5-6 KIND'A SMART 19 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-12-0 .. A S Smith
2 61-5 DRIVING FORCE 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 8-11-10 .... G McCourt 98
3 1/-1 ARMALA 15 (F,G,S) J Gifford 9-10-11 .... E Murphy 92
4 10-F BEACH BUM 4 (G) Mrs J Young 8-10-7 .... G Upton 94
5 24-U SOLEIL DANCER 23 (BF,D,S) D Grissell 6-10-5 .... J Railton 94
6 1-41 RUSTIC GENT 23 (V,D,F,S) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 .... Mr B Pollock (7) 93

6-4 Armala, 7-2 Rustic Gent, 9-2 Driving Force, 6-1 Kind'a Smart, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Drewe, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%. D Grissell, 5 from 24, 20.8%. P Hobbs, 9 from 45, 20.0%. N Henderson, 8 from 40, 20.0%. Miss H Knight, 7 from 35, 20.0%. S Sherwood, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Holley, 8 winners from 29 rides, 27.6%. G McCourt, 6 from 28, 21.4%. J Osborne, 11 from 65, 16.9%. D Gallagher, 3 from 18, 16.7%. Peter Hobbs, 5 from 41, 12.2%. E Murphy, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

2.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,128: 2m) (13)

1 6 LOGICAL STEP 18 D Gandolfo 4-11-0 .... P Holley –
2 0/0 MELLION PRIDE 13 J Old 6-11-0 .... T Grantham –
3 4-4F MUTLEY 20 P Hobbs 4-11-0 .... Peter Hobbs –
4 00 *PONTABULA 9 H Manners 4-11-0* .... *M Appleby (7)* –
5 SECRET BID R Alner 4-11-0 .... S Earle –
6 0-6 SENOR EL BETRUTTI 11 C Brooks 5-11-0 .... G Bradley 91
7 TENNESSEE KING A Foster 4-11-0 .... G McCourt –
8 3-03 TREASURE AGAIN 14 Mrs M Jones 5-11-0 .... M Perrett (3)
9 0 WARRIOR BARD 18 Miss H Knight 4-11-0 .... J F Titley –
10 F-U4 DO LETS 13 C Drewe 5-10-9 .... S Curran (5) 86
11 66F- MRS MONEYPENNY 266 M Wilkinson 5-10-9 .... B Powell 58
12 0-0 RISKY BID 19 Miss H Knight 4-10-9 .... J Osborne –
13 44-3 WINNOW 36 J White 4-10-9 .... W McFarland 55

7-4 Senor El Betrutti, 5-2 Treasure Again, 8-1 Do Lets, 12-1 Winnow, 14-1 Logical Step, Mrs Moneypenny, 16-1 others.

2.30 *MASTERDRIVE HANDICAP CHASE* (£4,663: 3m) (10)

1 3-24 ROXTON HILL 18 (S) C Brooks 9-11-10 .... G Bradley 90
2 /P MARK KYBO 15 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 10-11-9 .. D O'Sullivan –
3 3-1P STAUNCH RIVAL 32 (BF,D,G,S) G Thorner 7-11-7 .. B Powell
4 1-5B MAN FROM MARS 23 (F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-1 .. Peter Hobbs 90
5 41P- THE PORTSOY LOON 225 (D,S) G Thorner 7-11-0 G McCourt 90
6 1F-4 LE BUCHERON 11 (F,G) M Ryan 8-11-0 .... M Richards 88
7 5/P LUCKY VILLAIN 20 (D,S) C Popham 9-10-5 .. J R Kavanagh –
8 P6-3 BE SURPRISED 44 (G) A Moore 8-10-0 .... G Upton –
9 U-F5 UNDER OFFER 11 (B,CD,G,S) J King 13-10-0 .... R Farrant 91
10 220P- OH SO HANDY 38 (F) R Curtis 6-10-0 .... D Morris 86

3-1 Roxton Hill, 7-2 Staunch Rival, 5-1 Le Bucheron, 6-1 Man From Mars, Mark Kybo, 7-1 The Portsoy Loon, 12-1 others.

3.00 WHITE HART CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,320: 2m) (6)

1 0-40 LEGAL ARTIST 68 (G) Miss C Johnsey 4-11-10 .... R Farrant 89
2 0505 WILL JAMES 11 (B,CD,F,G) C Drewe 8-11-5 .... S Curran 98
3 0-36 *DULZURA 15 (D,G) A Jarvis 6-11-2* .... *G Crone (5)* 92
4 100- ACCESS SUN 177 (D,F,S) J King 7-11-2 .... S Fox
5 4F0- PRINCESS TATEUM 20F (D,G) Mrs M McCourt 4-10-12 .... J A McCarthy 95
6 /4-0 NORDANSK 11 (CD,F) M Madgwick 5-10-11 .... F Leahy 90

6-4 Will James, 3-1 Legal Artist, 4-1 Dulzura, 7-1 Access Sun, 8-1 Nordansk, 12-1 Princess Tateum.

3.30 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,460: 2m 6f 110yd) (14)

1 30-1 ISLAND JEWEL 9 (C,S) J Bosley 6-12-0 (6ex) .... M Bosley 90
2 -642 SECRET FOUR 20 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-12 .... Mr M Rimell (7) 86
3 /02- CREEAGER 34F (G,S) J Wharton 12-11-6 .... B Dalton 85
4 16-P HURRICANE BLAKE 23 (B,CD,F,G) D Grissell 6-11-5 .... Peter Hobbs
5 110- OWEN 420 (F,G,S) B Smart 10-10-12 .... B Powell 90
6 2/30 GROUSEMAN 12 (B,G,S) Miss H Knight 8-10-11 .. J Osborne 84
7 438- JADIDH 289 (D,F,G,S) C Wildman 6-10-11 .... D Salter (5) 87
8 /00 ALTERNATION 13 (D,G) J Webber 5-10-9 .... G McCourt –
9 01/5 DONNA DEL LAGO 11 (F) Mrs M McCourt 8-10-6 D Gallagher –
10 3-20 MR FLUTTS 9 (F) J Tuck 8-10-5 .... D Meade 97
11 5-U0 MOVE A MINUTE 13 (G) J Gifford 5-10-4 .... E Murphy 92
12 4-23 PATROCLUS 13 (BF,S) J Mackie 9-10-3 .... T Eley (3) 91
13 3P05 TIGER CLAW 13 (C,F,G) A Barrow 8-10-0 .... F Leahy (5) 92
14 00P- STRAIGHT LACED 177 (G) P Clarke 7-10-0 .... I Lawrence –

7-2 Island Jewel, 9-2 Secret Four, 6-1 Creeager, Jadidh, 8-1 Grouseman, 10-1 Patroclus, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Windsor: 12.30 Run To Au Bon. 1.00 Romany Creek. 3.30 Grouseman.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

12.45 NINFA (nap). 1.15 Distant Lady. 1.45 Jock's Burn. 2.15 Elvett Bridge. 2.45 Tartan Tradewinds. *3.15 Scaraben*.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

12.45 PRIESTPOPPLE NOVICES CHASE (£2,547: 3m 1f) (15 runners)

1 PU14 THE GREEN FOOL 43 (F,G,S) .... V Thompson 7-11-5 .... Mr M Thompson
2 F-P1 JUPITER MOON 5 (G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-3 .... Mr Chris Wilson
3 P-12 NINFA 11 (CD,BF,G) G Richards 6-11-0 .... A Dobbin
4 B1/P ASTON COURT 11 (S) P Monteith 9-10-12 .... G Cahill (7)
5 2-42 BARNEY RUBBLE 12 (G,S) D Whillans 9-10-12 .... N Doughty
6 4U-6 BUCKWHEAT LAD 19 P Cheesbrough 8-10-12 .... M Dwyer
7 321- GENERAL RUSTY 205P (G) F Kirby 6-10-12 .... N Smith
8 0/P4 MILEY PIKE 8 Mrs K Tutty 7-10-12 .... Mr N Tutty
9 13P- MISTER HOCHBERG 235P (F,S) Mrs V Ward 8-10-12 .... A Thornton
10 124- MURRFIELD 174 (G) J Dodds 8-10-12 .... A Larnach (3)
11 12/F THE SHADE MATCHER 8 (S) G Richards 8-10-12 .... M Moloney
12 05-3 DOMINANT SERENADE 47 (BF,G,S) M Hammond 5-10-10 .... P Niven
13 0- KIBBY BANK 235 J Johnson 5-10-10 .... Richard Guest
14 2312 PRIOR CONVICTION 221P (G) G Moore 5-10-10 .... J Callaghan
15 P2-2 HOWCLEUCH 19 J Oliver 7-10-7 .... B Storey

5-2 Dominant Serenade, 7-2 Ninfa, 6-1 Jupiter Moon, 7-1 Howcleuch, 8-1 Barney Rubble, Prior Conviction, 14-1 The Green Fool, 16-1 others.

1.15 BELLINGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

1 /0-1 DISTANT LADY 16 (G) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 .... Richard Guest
2 114- ADIB 226 (S) G Moore 4-10-12 .... N Bentley
3 /PP- CORBY KNOWE 226 J Barclay 8-10-12 .... A Thornton
4 006- FINDOGLEN 197 D Alder 8-10-12 .... B Storey
5 0-0 GREET THE GREEK 16 Mrs S Bramall 5-10-12 .... J Burke (3)
6 MONYMAX M Hammond 5-10-12 .... N Doughty
7 0-84 ROLY PRIOR 13 Ms L Plater 5-10-12 .... D Bentley (3)
8 0 SUGGESTION 18 G Costsworth 6-10-12 .... K Johnson
9 *TUDOR FELLOW J Wade 5-10-12* .... K Jones
10 3/5 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 12 P Monteith 5-10-7 .... G Cahill (7)
11 MEADOWBURN W Reed 4-10-7 .... T Reed
12 F1U1 SHEAN DEAS 214P (F,G,S) M Hammond 7-10-7 .... P Niven
13 XARA PALACE G Richards 4-10-7 .... A Dobbin

7-4 Distant Lady, 6-1 Adib, 7-1 Roly Prior, 8-1 Monymax, Xara Palace, 12-1 Brilliant Disguise, Shean Deas, 14-1 others.

1.45 FRIZZELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,339: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 30-5 JOCK'S BURN 11 (G) G Richards 8-11-0 .... A Dobbin
2 5003 PORT IN A STORM 19 (S) W Tinkler 5-11-0 .... M Dwyer
3 288/ SPONSOR LIGHT 880 (S) J Gledson 10-11-0 .... T Reed
4 02P/ THOMAS THE TANK 680 R Goldie 10-11-0 .... K Johnson

4-7 Port In A Storm, 5-2 Jock's Burn, 7-1 Sponsor Light, 14-1 Thomas The Tank.

2.15 BATTLE HILL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,864: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 0640 CHEEKY POT 15 (V,C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 6-11-13 .... B Storey
2 0/RRR SMART PERFORMER 235P (G,S) Miss M Milligan 9-11-2 .... J Callaghan
3 03-0 DRU RI'S BRU RI 4 (V,G) W Smith 8-10-13 .... S Taylor (7)
4 P0-6 HAMANAKA 11 (S) J Lowe 5-10-11 .... Mr S Love
5 2342 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 16 Mrs S Smith 4-10-9 .. Richard Guest
6 0-33 ELVETT BRIDGE 15 (F) V Thompson 6-10-9 .. Mr M Thompson
7 053- MANWELL 202 (S) B Temple 7-10-2 .... M Dwyer
8 -465 LOVING OMEN 13 (S) Miss Z Green 7-10-1 .... A Larnach (3)
9 0P/P SILVER SHILLING 11 Mrs V Ward 7-10-0 .... A Thornton

2-1 Elvett Bridge, 5-2 Sally Of The Alley, 7-2 Manwell, 7-1 Cheeky Pot, 10-1 Loving Omen, 12-1 Dru Ri's Bru Ri, 16-1 others.

2.45 CORBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,709: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 314- ROAD BY THE RIVER 251 (G,S) P Cheesbrough 6-12-0 .... M Dwyer
2 4-11 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 11 (CD,G,S) G Richards 7-12-0 .... A Dobbin
3 P/5- BLACK SPUR 288 (CD,F,G,S) J Charlton 12-11-11 .... P Niven
4 1-0P LUPY MINSTREL 16 (F,G,S) C Parker 9-11-9 .... B Storey
5 0-22 HOUGHTON 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-7 .. Richard Guest
6 4-33 THE LORRYMAN 13 (CD,F) L Lungo 6-10-12 .... DOUBTFUL
7 3-4F FUNNY OLD GAME 11 (D,S) D McCune 7-10-9 .... K Johnson
8 14/U GALA WATER 11 (C,S) T Dun 8-10-6 .... T Reed
9 25-5 FISH QUAY 19 (F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 11-10-6 .. Miss S Lamb (7)
10 U/64 SHUIL SAOR 5 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 .... Mr P Murray (7)

7-4 Tartan Tradewinds, 11-4 Houghton, 6-1 Funny Old Game, 7-1 Road By The River, 10-1 Gala Water, 12-1 others.

3.15 RIDING MILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,128: 2m) (6)

1 223- PALACEGATE KING 214 (CD,S) A Whillans 5-12-0 .... B Harding (5)
2 -03F IT'S THE PITS 7 (C,D,G,S) L Lungo 7-11-13 .... T Reed
3 U1-1 SCARABEN 4 (CD,G,S) S Kettlewell 6-11-2 (7ex) .. D Bentley (3)
4 5F52 TIGHTER BUDGET 13 (CD,F,S) Mrs E Slack 7-11-1 .. M Moloney
5 -054 HAZEL LEAF 18 (D,B,S) R McDonald 8-10-10 .... R Hodge
6 44/0 MOSSIE GOLD 18 C Parker 7-10-0 .... Mr D Parker (5)

5-4 Scaraben, 5-2 Tighter Budget, 9-2 It's The Pits, 5-1 Palacegate King, 12-1 Hazel Leaf, 33-1 Mossie Gold.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Monteith, 15 winners from 45 runners, 33.3%. L Lungo, 12 from 42, 28.6%. G Richards, 25 from 103, 24.3%. W Reed, 10 from 54, 18.5%. G M Moore, 14 from 77, 18.2%. M Hammond, 19 from 107, 17.8%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 15 winners from 48 rides, 31.3%. P Niven, 25 from 103, 24.3%. M Dwyer, 12 from 53, 22.6%. T Reed, 23 from 106, 21.7%. A Dobbin, 15 from 75, 20.0%. A Larnach, 6 from 31, 19.4%.

☐ King Credo is poised to make his delayed chasing debut in the Westminster-Motor Taxi Insurance Henry VIII Novices Chase at Sandown Park on December 3. Fourth in last year's Champion Hurdle, King Credo pleased his trainer, Steve Woodman, in a schooling session after Monday's racing at Folkestone.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Huntingdon

Going: good

1.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, JOHN TUFTY (J McLaughlin, 16-1); 2, Durham (M Dwyer, Evens fav); 3, *Aylesford (R Campbell, 8-1)*. ALSO RAN: 4 Side Bar, 10 War O' The Roses, 14 Mexican Dancer (5th), 16 Sweet Caroline (4th), 25 Bernie's Sister (6th), Homebeforemidnight (f), 50 Alben (f), Call The King, Coup De Vent (pu). 12 ran. 2½l, 6l, 8l, 2½l, 3l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £74.70; £10.70, £1.20, £2.10. DF: £41.20. CSF: £31.52.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, PASHTO (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 2, *Cunninghams Ford (Mr A Harvey, 9-4)*; 3, Yeoman Warrior (M Dwyer, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Under Suspicion (5th), 25 Miss Capulet (4th), 33 Hold Your Hat On (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 6l, dist, 11l, dist. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.56.

2.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, GARRYLOUGH (M Dwyer, 11-8 fav); 2, *Flamewood (J F Titley, 3-1)*; 3, Bread Of Heaven (G McCourt, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Dark Nightingale (pu), Tamergale (5th), 9 Drochead Dramhale (6th), 10 Exclusive Edition (b), 25 Pleasure It Is, 33 Corn Bow (ur), Meanus Miller (f), 50 Allied's Team, Flemings Delight, Nikaroo (4th). 13 ran. 15l, 8l, 20l, 15l, 1¾l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £1.90, £5.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.58.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, MARTHA'S SON (R Farrant, 2-1); 2, Deep Sensation (R Dunwoody, 6-5 fav); 3, Egypt Mill Prince (W Marston, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Southolt (f). 4 ran. 1¼l, 3l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £3.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.61.

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, KINGSFOLD PET (D Skyrme, 12-1); 2, Prince Tino (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 3, Mizyan (S Keightley, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Nagobelia (4th), 3 King Athelstan (f), 8 Pinecone Peter (5th), 14 Rawaan, 20 Attasl (6th), 25 No Light. 9 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, 4l, 9l, ¾l. M Haynes at Epsom. Tote: £18.70; £3.40, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £43.30. Trio: £136.90. CSF: £86.78. Tricast: £619.20.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, JUMBEAU (P Hide, 8-4 fav); 2, Dragons Den (M Richards, 8-1); 3, Mander's Way (G Upton, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Scole (5th), 6 Miss Fern (4th), 10 Ardcroney Chief (pu), 33 The Forties (6th), 50 My Stowey. 8 ran. 5l, 8l, 2½l, 1¾l, 25l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £6.30. CSF: £12.74. Tricast: £39.38.

Placepot: £60.60. Quadpot: £51.10.

Stratford

Going: good to soft - soft in places

1.20 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, KING LUCIFER (A Maguire, 2-1); 2, *Hurricane Hanks (D Bridgwater, 14-1)*; 3, Spring Grass (Guy Lewis, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Lyme Gold (4th), 6 Celtino (4th), 8 Lupimen (6th), 33 (pu), Bobbie Mo, Hanson Street, Sonic Star, 50 Hydemilla, 66 Jason's Boy, Stay Sunny (5th), 100 Dunnicks Well (pu). 13 ran. 11l, 2½l, 13l, 3½l, 8l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £2.30, £6.90. DF: £17.30. CSF: £31.09.

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, COULTON (J Osborne, 11-10 fav); 2, Drumstick (N Williamson, 6-1); 3, Mr Woodcock (P Niven, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Alan Ball (4th), 10 Rodeo Star (pu), 25 Its Nearly Time (5th). 6 ran. 9l, 20l, 11l, 20l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.80. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.50.

2.20 (2m 110yd) 1, SOUTHAMPTON (A P McCoy, 5-1); 2, Stoproveritate (G Lee, 8-13 fav); 3, *Hector Mario (R Davis, 10-1)*. ALSO RAN: 10 Doolar (5th), 12 Goldingo, 16 Rovulenka (6th), 25 Schweppes Tonic (4th). 7 ran. Sh hd, dist, 1¾l, 8l, 5l. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £8.27.

2.50 (3m) 1, WELSH LUSTRE (A Maguire, 11-4); 2, The Bud Club (J Osborne, 6-4 fav); 3, *Nick The Dreamer (P Holley, 12-1)*. ALSO RAN: 5-2 Carlingford Lights (f), 14 Cyprus (f), 50 Golden Eye (ur). 6 ran. NR: Desperate. ¾l, 10l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.97.

3.20 (3m 4f ch) 1, PETTY BRIDGE (A Maguire, 9-2); 2, Unholy Alliance (N Williamson, 11-10 fav); 3, Padaventure (P Niven, 6-4). ALSO RAN: 40 K C's Dancer (pulled up). 4 ran. 3l, dist. A James at Tenbury Wells. Tote: £4.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £9.31.

3.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, SILVER GROOM (S Ryan, 8-1); 2, Foxbow (A Maguire, 9-4 fav); 3, Pistol River (B Powell, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Star Manager, 7 Bungee Jumper, 8 Freddie Muck (4th), 20 B My Lovely (pu), Pirates Gold, 25 Gonnabebig, Harry (5th), Our Five Kids, 66 Rare Occurance (6th), 100 Chiltern Hundreds, Cobbs Cross, Greenhill Wonder (pu), She Knew The Rules (f). 15 ran. 9l, hd, 1¾l, 15l, 4l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £8.50; £3.60, £1.70, £3.50. DF: £10.70. CSF: £19.98.

Jackpot: £7,100.60; part won (pool of £2,824.02 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

Placepot: £82.60. Quadpot: £19.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.10 (6f) 1, Walk The Beat (S Drowne, 11-1); 2, Frisky Miss (15-2); 3, Langtonian (12-1). Sense Of Priority 4-1 fav. 16 ran. Nk, hd. R Simpson. Tote: £28.70; £4.90, £2.40, £2.40. DF: £102.40. CSF: £95.22.

12.40 (5f) 1, Kung Frode (S Sanders, 33-1); 2, La Belle Dominique (7-2); 3, Penny's Wishing (14-1). Always Grace 3-1 fav. 14 ran. Sh hd, 2l. B McMahon. Tote: £52.80; £7.50, £1.60, £5.00. DF: £184.70. CSF: £152.39.

1.10 (1m 3f) 1, Shabanaz (Stephen Davies, 5-1); 2, Brocaune Gold (5-1); 3, Bold Pursuit (11-4 fav). 14 ran. 10l, 1¼l. W Muir. Tote: £11.90; £2.20, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £57.40. CSF: £33.26.

1.40 (1m) 1, What's The Verdict (T Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Komreyev Dancer (4-1); 3, Ocean Hawk (11-2). 16 ran. 1l, 5l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £7.50. CSF: £11.60.

2.10 (7f) 1, Mustn't Grumble (A Clark, 12-1); 2, Milos (13-2); 3, Dream Carrier (9-1). 4, Bogan (12-1). African Chimes 7-2 fav. 16 ran. Hd, ¾l. W Cunningham. Tote: £15.30; £2.20, £2.10, £2.90, £3.80. DF: £62.40. Trio: £102.40. CSF: £99.88. Tricast: £698.22.

2.40 (7f) 1, Mister Fire Eyes (B Doyle, 2-1 fav); 2, Pleasure Beach (8-1); 3, Nigel's Lad (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Chadleigh Lane. 3½l, ¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £4.30, £7.40. DF: £20.90. Trio: £106.80. CSF: £20.85. Tricast: £188.97.

3.10 (6f) 1, Barga (T Ives, 7-4 fav); 2, Featherstone Lane (14-1); 3, Alpine Johnny (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Swinging Tich. 4l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £4.50, £4.80. DF: £60.50. CSF: £30.98.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1, Absalom's Pillar (Miss A Elsey, 8-1); 2, Swordking (12-1); 3, Blowedifiknow (8-1). 4, Tremendisto (16-1). Deerlet 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 11l, 3½l. J Hetherton. Tote: £10.90; £1.80, £2.60, £2.30, £3.00. DF: £77.00. Trio: £232.60; part won (pool of £327.69 carried forward to 3.45 at Cheltenham today). CSF: £104.20. Tricast: £664.38. Mulled Ale (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies, deduct 5p in £1 to all bets.

Placepot: £185.50. Quadpot: not won (pool of £51.20 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

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Rally-leading Briton may become sacrificial lamb in world title manoeuvrings

McRae fears order to step aside

By Oliver Holt

THE scenario that Colin McRae dreaded loomed into focus last night. Just when the Network Q RAC Rally seemed to be within his grasp at last, the battle for the world championship raging in his wake threatened to deprive him of the victory he has come so close to in the past.

McRae extended his dominance yesterday, recording the quickest time in three of the seven stages on the muddy tracks through the forests of mid-Wales. By the time the competitors returned to the overnight halt in Chester, half-an-hour later than scheduled because a stage had to be cancelled after a spectator was injured, McRae was 1min 45sec ahead of his Subaru team-mate and nearest challenger, Carlos Sainz.

But further back down the field, the spectre of Didier Auriol began to haunt both the leading drivers, transforming the rally from a charge into a chess game. Sainz and the Frenchman are the only two men capable of lifting the world championship this year and if the Spaniard remains second, Auriol needs to finish only seventh to claim his first world title. But if Sainz wins, Auriol must finish in the top four.

For the past three years, McRae has been on the verge of becoming the first Briton to win the event since Roger Clark in 1976 and each year he has been denied. This time, when it seemed he had negotiated every obstacle in his way, he could be robbed of his triumph by the dictates of team orders.

For much of the rally so far, that had seemed a distant possibility. Auriol's event has been dogged by carelessness and ill-fortune and at one stage on Monday, he lay in 94th position. He suffered a broken suspension and a blown turbo in the early stages and everything appeared to be favouring McRae.

But Auriol started yesterday in eighteenth place and gradually inched his way up the field until, by the end of the final stage, he was in ninth position, just eight seconds behind the eight-placed driver, Tommi Makinen. Now, all sorts of possibilities have begun to crowd McRae's mind.

It is unlikely that Auriol will make up the 12 minutes to Ari Vatanen in seventh place — but if Juha Kankkunen, Auriol's Toyota team-mate and the reigning world champion, were ordered to abandon his third place, Auriol would be seventh and McRae would be asked by his team to slow down and play his part in the bigger picture, the struggle for the world championship.

"I have been aware all along that it might come to this," McRae said. "We agreed we would look at the situation on the final day and now we have come to the final day in just the position I hoped we would not have. We will discuss it tonight."

As McRae pressed on, Malcolm Wilson's chances of emulating his third-place finish of last year disappeared on the penultimate stage when he slid into a ditch. It took spectators and marshals three minutes to push his Ford clear and the delay dropped him to sixth place.

But as the rally enters its final seven stages in Wales today, all eyes will be on McRae and the invidiousness of his situation. It seems that only a disaster befalling Auriol or Sainz can save him from the most galling of sacrifices.

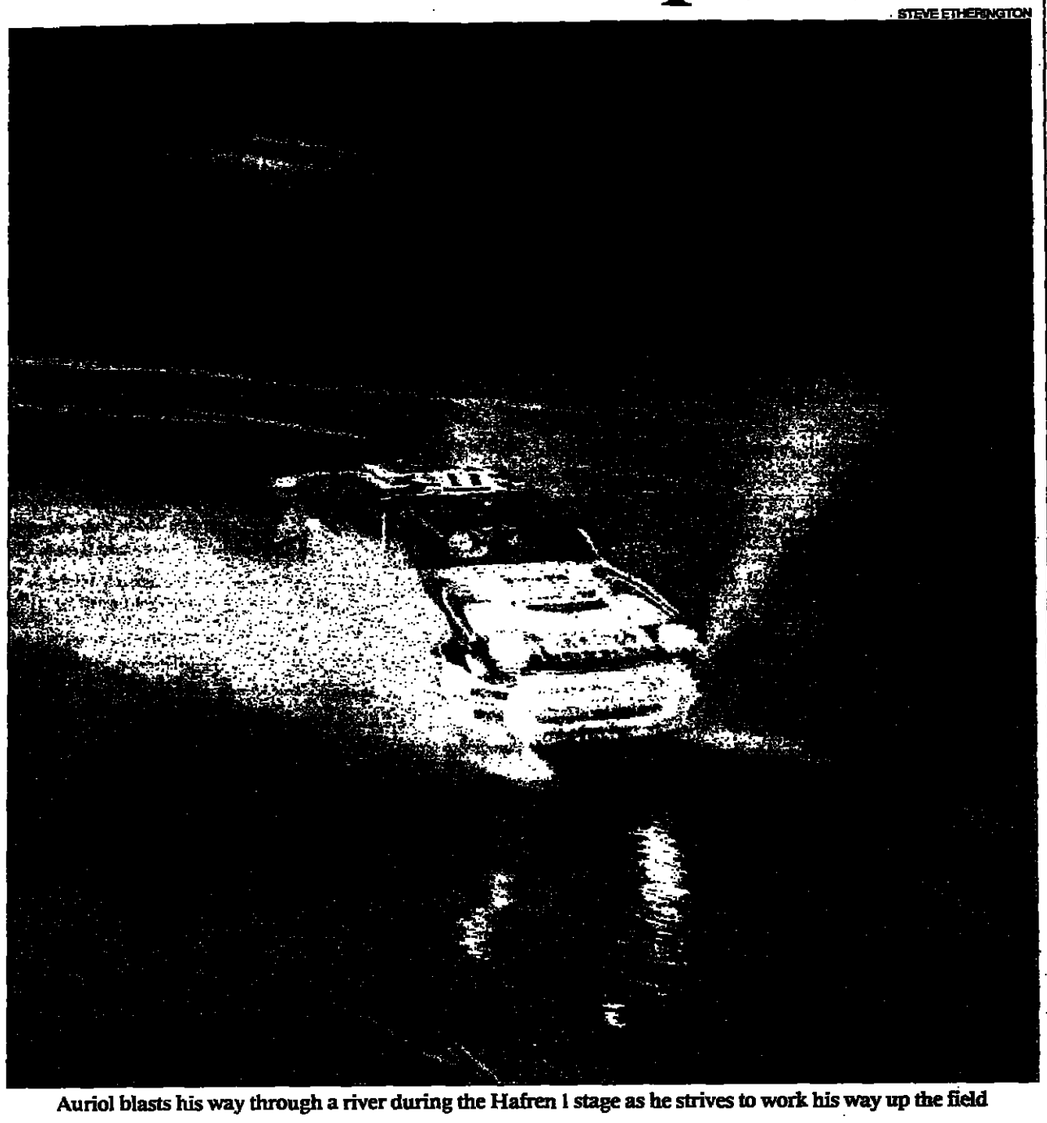
"It is the most tense rally I have ever been in," Sainz said. "There is nothing I can do about Auriol. It is not my decision or possibly even Subaru's. The ball is in Toyota's court, should they decide to pull out Kankkunen, but first we have to arrive at that situation and there is still a day to go.

"If we can finish as we are now, that would be perfect. Colin wins the rally and I win the championship for a third time. I wish for it to stay like this but I cannot tell."

It may all come down to the final stage and the prospect of first Kankkunen, then McRae, withdrawing to attempt to throw the initiative first Toyota's way and then Subaru's. Like Sainz, David Richards, Subaru's team principal, attempted to shift the burden onto the rival team last night.

"The RAC Rally is the culmination of a year of effort," he said. "The perfect scenario would be for Colin to win the rally and Carlos to secure the title. But obviously our priority lies with the world championship."

STEVE ETHERINGTON



Auriol blasts his way through a river during the Hafren 1 stage as he strives to work his way up the field

DETAILS

Leading positions

After 22 stages

1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB), Subaru Impreza, 4hr 12min 21sec; 2, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp), Subaru Impreza, 4:14:06; 3, J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB), Toyota Celica, 4:15:14; 4, B Thiry and S Prevot (Bel), Ford Escort, 4:20:00; 5, S Blomqvist and B Melander (Swe), Ford Escort, 4:23:21; 6, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 4:23:38; 7, A Vatanen (Fin) and F Pons (It), Ford Escort, 4:27:24; 8, T Makinen and S Harjanne (Fin), Nissan Sunny, 4:40:02; 9, D Auriol and B Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica, 4:40:10; 10, G Evans and H Davis (GB), Ford Escort, 4:41:10.

Today's stages

Stages 23-29

Pantperthog (9.41 miles, form 07.41am); Dyfi Main (14.57 miles, 08.10); Dyfi Ganthenlog (14.04 miles, 08.53); Penmachno South (8.31 miles, 10.52); Penmachno North (6.25 miles, 11.13); Clocaenog West (3.75 miles, 12.20); Clocaenog East (12.04 miles, 12.32)

Manchester faces double jeopardy

By Colin McQuillan

MANCHESTER'S double challenge for places in the end-of-season play-offs of the Super Squash League is looking shaky as Wales and the West Country push up behind the leadership of London and the Home Counties.

Walker Farrimond Manchester went down in Surrey this week as Lingfield celebrated a new three-year sponsorship deal with Ellis and Partners, a stockbroking concern, with victories by Stephen Meads and Angus Kirkland that took them into fifth place, level on points with Ogmore Valley Dragons.

The Dragons had a similar 2-1 home win over Jim Hall Sports Northern, leaving the two Manchester sides sixth and eighth in a league table from which only four will make the semi-final play-offs.

Gerwyn Davies, the manager of the Dragons, is confident the Welsh side will be "in at the death". But he has signed Philip Whitlock, the England captain, Mark Cairns, also of England, and Craig Van der Wath, of South Africa, to appear this week in preference to his domestic players.

Even the previous Welsh heroes, the Wizards, who this season crossed the border to operate as the Welsh Back Wizards from Bristol, could muster only one genuine Celt, Adrian Davies, for their 3-0 home win over Rackets Club.

At the top of the table, Cannons Club eased another point ahead of ICL Lion Herts by inflicting a first defeat of the season on the ambitious Herts Country Club squad, 2-1, with Tony Hands retiring injured.

Cannons rested their first string, Peter Marshall, the British champion, but wheeled out the Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, to win the man-of-the-match award, beating Chris Walker, the England No 2, 3-9, 9-7, 9-2, 9-5.

RESULTS: ICL Lion Herts 1 Cannons Club 2 (C Walker lost to P Nicol 9-3, 7-9, 2-9, 5-9; R Norman bt T Hands 9-1, 8-10, 9-1, 4-0 ret; M Chalmor lost to S Parks 9-6, 8-10, 2-9, 1-9). Welsh Back Wizards 3 Rackets Club 0 (D Harris bt P Johnson 9-6, 9-0, 4-9, 1-9, 9-5; A Dawes bt D Webb 7-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-2; A Barada bt J Ransome 9-6, 6-9, 9-6, 9-7). Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 2 Walker Farrimond Manchester 1 (S Meads bt P Gregory 10-9, 9-10, 9-7, 10-8; C Rowland lost to D Ryan 5-9, 9-2, 5-9, 8-9; A Kirkland bt N Taylor 9-5, 9-5, 9-0). Ogmore Valley Dragons 2 Jim Hall Sports Northern 1 (P Whitlock lost to A Hill 4-9, 9-4, 1-9, 2-9; M Cairns bt A Gough 9-1, 7-9, 9-3, 9-1; C Van der Weth bt G Thwaite 9-3, 9-3, 9-4). League positions: 1, Cannons Club, 14pts; 2, ICL Lion Herts, 11; 3, Welsh Back Wizards, 10; 4, Ogmore Valley Dragons, 8; 5, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield, 6; 6, Walker Farrimond Manchester, 5; 7, Rackets Club, 4; 8, Jim Hall Sports Northern, 3

Potter's wheel comes full circle



Andrew Longmore reports on the captain using a quiet brand of leadership at the hockey World Cup

Jon Potter, the captain of the England men's hockey team, sat in his Sydney hotel room watching the strained face of his counterpart on television and thanking heaven for the quiet life. While Michael Atherton has to carry the fears of a nation into the first Test of the cricket series against Australia in Brisbane on Friday, Potter has enjoyed the luxury of near anonymity as his young side has prepared for the eighth hockey World Cup, which started in Sydney today.

It was not always that way. But the boom of the Eighties, when men like Sean Kerly and Ian Taylor emerged from an unheralded sport to become comic-book heroes, has turned into the reality of the Nineties and a return to the back row of the nation's sporting consciousness.

For Potter, one of the few survivors of those old prospecting days, Seoul gold must seem more than just six years ago. British hockey has turned full cycle since then, with nothing expected of the team, yet with a chance to revive the spirit of the gold rush. A perfect starting point for the unassuming England captain.

"The 1988 [Great Britain] team was under a lot of pressure to do well because we had been successful for several years before Seoul. The nice thing here is that there really is no pressure on the team. The real responsibility is really only on ourselves," Potter said before England's opening game against Spain earlier today.

But two recent victories against Pakistan and a draw with Holland have given the side a sense of belief and brought it honourable mention in the dispatches of its more favoured rivals. "The Germans and the Dutch are looking at us as a team capable of being there at the end. In 1988, everyone knew what we were capable of. This side has not reached its potential yet. It could pull off a surprise."

Surprise is not a word often used in connection with Potter. He admits to being labelled "boring" by his team-mates and is not ashamed of the tag. It would be surprising, for example, if Potter suddenly swept into the penalty area, sidestepped three men and smacked in a sensational winning goal, surprising if he raised his voice above conversational pitch in his half-time team talk, if he broke into a chorus of "Here we go" at the bar afterwards, whacked an opponent on the jaw, perspired, misplaced a pass or was caught out of position.

Rob Thompson, Potter's team-mate at international level and for Hounslow, describes him as "Mr 80 per cent." In terms of performance level rather than commitment, which, for all his languid appearance, is always total. "Other players might be more capable of pulling out a great game, but Jon very rarely falls below 80 per cent, which is why he is still there."



Potter: competent

The real surprise for a man who has 221 international caps to his credit, mostly in his favoured position at right half, Olympic gold for Britain from 1988, bronze from 1984 and a silver from the 1986 World Cup with England tucked into his sock drawer, is that the captaincy came to him so late, at the age of 31. A matter of style, possibly.

Potter's quiet competence can be mistaken for disdain, his shyness for aloofness. On the field, Potter makes his criticism known through what his team-mates at Hounslow call the "black stare". Potter neither suffers fools nor sloppiness gladly. His team will be as well organised as his life, which is spent inside a triangle of home, in York, work as the marketing director of Nestlé and hockey.

How much longer the latter will be able to fit into the space is open to doubt. At the moment, Potter is thriving on the added responsibility of captaincy and wants to take the British team to the Olympics in Atlanta in two years' time. He thinks the team will be at its best then. But only one thing is certain. Mr 80 per cent will be no worse. Boring, really.

Spoilsport managers trying to put the boot in

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Do not, under any circumstances, listen to a football manager. Particularly when he talks about football. He is not qualified to speak on the subject. When I hear the word "manager", I reach for my revolver.

Well, I would have happily taken a pot-shot at the telly in the press-room at Spurs on Saturday. As we awaited the coming of the managers, swapped rumours and slagged absent colleagues, the face of Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, appeared on the box in the corner.

Eight players had been booked in his game. Vinnie Jones had been sent off — what a surprise — and Kinnear was having an almighty whinge about the New Refereeing. Why, a man can get booked for a mere tackle. He went on about "silly cards" and complained: "The letter of the law is killing us."

Killing managers, perhaps. It ain't killing football. But perhaps Kinnear thinks it is coincidence that we have just had the best World Cup since 1970: a gourmand's feast of football with scarcely a duff match.

And no doubt Kinnear thinks it is coincidence that we are one third of the way through the best championship programme in decades. Telly and live, virtually every match I have seen has been a belter.

Players have been running at defenders. They have been going by defenders, in the knowledge that they won't get scythed down as they do so. Defenders have been increasingly reluctant to advance in a line with their hands up in the air looking for offside. The benefit of the doubt now favours the attacker. Show me a man who thinks the offside trap is part of football and I will show you a manager.

The New Refereeing has given control to the attackers. That is not bad. That is good. The New Refereeing seeks not only to change individual games. It is an attempt to change the entire culture of football. We have just entered a transition phase. In five years, there will be fewer bookings, because defenders will have caught up with the tradition imposed upon them.

We hope. Because in this country, every manager that gets a camera in his face is trying to destabilise the New Refereeing. And referees, increasingly are listening. Referees, understandably reluctant to be slagged off in public by a famous man in a bad suit, are slowly, subtly, bending to managerial will.

This is a trend that must be arrested at all costs, and the heart of the problem lies in the fact that managers, simply by being managers, are disqualified from a proper understanding of football.

It is players and spectators who understand football. They — we — know it is a game of inspiration, of improvisation. It is not a set-piece game, like rugby union or American football. Real footy is a game of flow.

When the romance of the manager began in the Sixties, we believed that there was a plot we were missing — something to do with 4-3-3 or 4-2-4. Tactics, systems: tell us more, boss. American football is about nine parts of control to one of inspiration. In real football, the proportions are reversed. The manager's control is fleeting, tenuous, illusory.

His job, his future, his self-respect are at the feet of 11 men who can hardly hear him shout. Before the match, he can organise them up to the eyeballs, but once the game starts, it has moved beyond his control.

Games turn, not on a manager's plan but on, say, a winger's sudden inspiration, Kanchelskis-like, to shun the pass and shoot, or on a moment of vision from a midfield passer, or in the twitch of a penalty-taker.

Naturally, inevitably, a manager seeks all the control he can get. And the Old Refereeing granted them a good deal more control than the New. If your right back can put Kanchelskis on his back every time he gets uppity, you have seized a massive slice of control.

And if the linesman will slavishly wag his flag every time Tony Adams trundles forward with his hand up and his can-I-be-excused-sir expression, then you have another lavish portion of control. The match can go — almost — to plan.

Plans? Pah! Football is not about plans. It is about players, and all players and all spectators know that. No manager does.

Managers must live their lives out of touch with the real values of football. Witness the famous remark of Joe Mercer on the 1966 World Cup final. "Good spectators' game," he said sniffily. Precisely. And the World Cup and now the championship are giving us a succession of such games. What do they know of football, who only management know?

Diary of a schoolteacher

The Head Man. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Jonathan Smith, writer of this second series of dramas about the head of a showpiece independent school (Steve Hodson) and his wife who is head of a comprehensive's sixth form (Melinda Walker), is radio drama's equivalent of an expert chef. He keeps moving a multiplicity of plots and sub-plots from front burner to back burner, and back again. Things may stay warm but they are never overcooked. Episode one ends with the head selling his computer-diary that he is very much in control of himself. The point is: is he very much in control of his school? I must say that the list of public and private problems Smith has cooked up for him in the next few weeks makes spicy reading in the Radio 4 literature.

The Real Thing. *Radio 3, 9.40pm.*

The third of Iwan Russell-Jones's semi-sacred icons of popular American culture is Disney World, in Florida. Ten times as many secular pilgrims visit it as the total of religious pilgrims who journey to Mecca and Lourdes. "You've got to believe in something," says one Disney World customer. Alas, Russell-Jones does not ask him what precisely it is about this magic kingdom that satisfies his need. Could it be the electronic reanimation of dead American Presidents who speak and move as they did in life? "We stand at the tomb of Lazarus and, when the bandages are removed, who emerges?" asks Russell-Jones. The world's most famous mouse, that's who. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, and at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Chris Morris with more anarchic comedy 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 8.15 Pause for Thought with Rob Marshall 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 featuring June Tabor 8.00 Who Knows Where the Time Goes — the Story of English Folk Rock: Last in the series 9.00 Frank Hennessy's Wales: Nevem in west Wales 9.30 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester, including at 3.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.15 Work It Out with Liz Barclay 10.35 Euronews 11.00 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Moir, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck with Liz Barclay 2.05 Rugose on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Manchester United v IFK Gothenburg in Sweden 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours, with Carole Malone 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

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6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Collection 3.00 Jamie Crick 5.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Meppin 1.00am Robert Booth.

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyle 2.00-6.00am Jersey Sa[illegible]

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F); Debussy (Estampes); [illegible] (Polacca); [illegible] (Toccata in D); [illegible] (Ballade in B, Op 10 No 4); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schnittke (Piano Sonata No 2; Viola Concerto)
10.00 Midweek Choice: Johann Strauss, son (Waltz: Wo die Zitronen blüh'n!); Puccini (Crisantemi); Vivaldi (Beatus Vir); Donizetti (Concertino); Bellini (Elvino! E me tu lasci . . . La Sonnambula); Rossini (Un petit train de plaisir); Cimarosa (Il Maestro di Cappella); A. Scarlatti (Sinfonia di Concerto grosso No 4 in E minor); Verdi (Offertorium, Requiem)
12.00 Shchedrin and Sumera: Shchedrin (Symphony No 1); Sumera (Symphony No 5) (r)
1.00pm Concert Hall: Lynsey Marsh, clarinet, Anthony Marwood, violin, Thomas Adès, piano. Berg (Adagio, Chamber Concerto); Stravinsky (Three Pieces for clarinet); Smetana (From My Homeland); Bartók (Contrasts)
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Sea Thunder 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 Record Review: Building a Library: Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Magdalen College, Oxford
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune: Monteverdi (Lamento d'Arianna); Mozart (Overture: Idomeneo); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in C, Op 14 No 2); Elgar (Romance for cello and piano)
7.25 Royal Concert 1994, live from the Barbican Hall, London, in the presence of Princess Margaret, a concert given on behalf of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and associated charities. Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Simon Rattle performs an Elow (National Anthem); Corelli (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 2); Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor). 8.20 Paying the Piper. Jeremy Siepi Beadle investigates patronage, old and new. 8.45 Musicians of the Royal Military School of Music under Colonel C.G. Ross; CBSO under Simon Rattle perform Alwyn (Fanfare: Welcome); Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a theme of Corelli); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat)
9.40 The Real Thing: See Choice
10.00 A Night at the Opera: Verdi (Overture: La forza del destino); Tchaikovsky, arr Lindberg (Suite: The Queen of Spades); Verdi, arr Liszt (Rigoletto Paraphrase); Adam (Variations on Bellini's Norma)
10.45 Night Waves: The opening night of the revival of Harold Pinter's Landscape
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: The Medici Quartet: Glière (String Quartet No 2); Rimsky-Korsakov/Lyadov/Borodin/Glazunov (Quartet on a Theme "B-La-F")

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: with The Times columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00-10.30 News; A Good Read (FM only): Edward Blishen, gardener Geoff Hamilton and MP Ken Livingstone, select three paperbacks
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Pippa Greenwood, Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and chairman Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan
12.25pm Kipling In Love: Love o' women, by Rudyard Kipling, dramatised for radio by Ed Thomason 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Head Man: See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands: Sex education books for the very young and for the teenager who thinks she knows it all
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews this week's film releases, including Tim Burton's Nightmare before Christmas
4.45 Short Story: Tabusse and His Dogs, by André Chamson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Beachcomber: . . . By the Way: The further adventures of characters created between the wars by the humorist J.B. Morton. With Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims and Patricia Routledge
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Lost Childhoods: Tell Silent Sentance. The first of a five-part series about children who have missed out on a normal childhood. Sara Parker reports on the effects of the Troubles on the children of Belfast
7.45 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Costing the Earth, presented by Mark Whitaker. The benefits of reintroducing wolves and bears to the Cairngorms
8.45 The World of Mouth Debate: Frank Delaney chairs a discussion on the English language
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Issbel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus, by Angela Carter. Read by Lesley Manville
11.00 Magic Moments: Nigel Fountain explores popular cultural phenomena (r)
11.30-12.00 The Locker Room (FM only): Tom Robinson finds out about the "Mod's Movement" (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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A night for couch potatoes and other wildlife

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Recently I heard of a New York woman who spent her holiday on a New Zealand farm filming carrots in the wild. Her hosts were bemused. Surrounded by rugged scenery and sheep, they had never considered advertising "Come to the Marlborough Sounds! Come face to face with garden veg in its natural state!" But being tolerant people, they indulged this alien: they helped her lift some carrots from the earth ("They'll never believe this at home"), then scrub them, chop them, boil them and finally eat them. Apparently to a New Yorker this is the back-to-nature equivalent of catching a wild rabbit with a rough-hewn spear and ripping its head off with your teeth. It brings to mind those American airmen on a Pacific island (surrounded by plentiful fish and coconuts) who starved to death when the packs of Juicy Fruit ran out.

Anyway, last night's quirky but inspiring **Open Space: The Plot**, by David Crouch (BBC 2), revealed a world of heroic people who get their hands mucky, who confront real, big, tough, feather-topped carrots every day of their lives. The subject was the allotment, and it was a celebration of this noble, embattled institution filmed in various parts of the country — Nottingham, Birmingham, Oxford and Durham. Squelch, thock, squelch went the larky soundtrack (digging noises) while ramshackle sheds looked picturesque in evening sun, dedicated gardeners hymned the therapy of the open air, and Billy Bragg in voice-over declared the allotment was freedom from tyranny. It was very moving, in a "Red Flag" kind of way. Bragg sang his Essex-boy version of "Jerusalem" at the end.

Personally, I took a particular interest in the sheds (you don't get sheds on telly very often), which were spectacular specimens cobbled from bits of old bus, railway sleepers, and anything else left carelessly in the vicinity. At one allotments association, they enforce strict rules about shed design, since high winds have been known to pick up sheds and deposit them 20 yards away, like the twister in *The Wizard of Oz*. Is it a bird? No, it's a shed. On an even wackier note, a gardener who was also an architect described how he now incorporated shed ideas into his own buildings. ("Yes, it's architect designed!" exclaim the proud owners of his new structure made up of half a ticket office and a load of old tin. "Note the muddy seed packets pinned to the door!")

The great thing about *The Plot* was the sense of community, of people getting along. But is this a true reflection of allotment life? Does fresh air and digging inevitably breed harmony? Or do people find themselves involved in nasty pitchfork-to-pitchfork custody disputes over missing compost? I mean, it would be pretty hard to explain how someone else's shed had just appeared on your plot overnight. "Oh, right, right. So it *flew* here?"

But other programmes last night showed people getting along fine, too; it was like the dawning of the age of Aquarius. **Picture This** (BBC 2) was an intriguing man-imitates-shed story, about a white middle-aged disc jockey in Bristol — "D.J. Derek" — who evidently was once picked up by a high wind and deposited in the centre of black pub culture, where he made friends with people his own age and played them "sweet memory sounds", on the pub hi-fi, from his exhaustive collection of black music. Derek looked a bit like Dennis Norden, spoke with a Bristolian burr, and had once been a senior accountant for Cadbury's. But as became clear in the course of Helena Appio's film last night, his spiritual home was a hammock in Montego Bay.

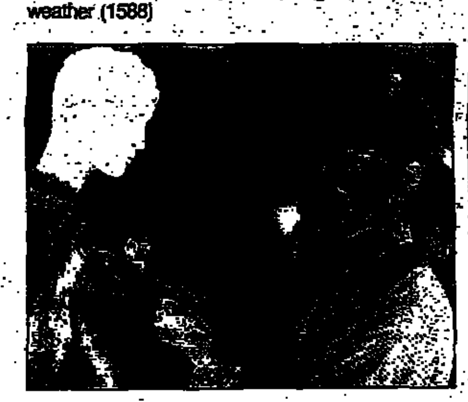
There were hidden depths to Derek, despite the mellow music, despite his respect for people with good manners. Once, when a fight broke out in a club, a yob threw an ashtray at him and it broke one of his records — ironically, Al Green's "For the Good Times". Derek saw red. He had a mallet with him ("I used it to repair the woodblock floor where the strippers danced, otherwise they caught their shoes in it"), and he attacked the yob. This story was reconstructed with arty shots of ash-trays, mallet, woodblock floor, broken disc. But to an outsider, of course, the interesting detail was Derek's concern for the strippers.

With the story of DJ Derek, you kept thinking "This is odd" and then being proved wrong. With **Natural Neighbours** (BBC 1), by contrast, the commentary kept reminding you how odd it was, in case you forgot. *Trusting Bears* concerned some rather cute Canadian wildlife film-makers (defenceless young marrieds with small baby — the sort who are magnets for psychos in horror movies) who, in search of a legendary white bear, had penetrated dense bear country on a remote Canadian island (home to dense bears).

I mean it, actually: the bears were pretty thick. Once located, they took absolutely no notice of the people. This was the remarkable thing you kept being reminded of. These bears, who had evidently been missed off the mailing list for *Ursine News*, were in a state of complete innocence concerning human depredations, so they just lolloped in rock pools in front of the camera, catching salmon with their big wet paws, ambling past the humans vaguely, as though blind. The film-makers explained that here were animals in a true state of nature, when their untutored inclination was to trust. But unfortunately, with the element of danger removed, the bears were — well, a bit boring. They caught fish, walked around on all fours without catching anyone's eye, and had snoozes. It was a bit like watching carrots.

BBC1

6.00 **Business Breakfast** *(86782)*
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98932236)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2712120)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5053052)
10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **11.00** (50092859)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7281583) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** hosted by Ross King (s) (5839897) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26147897)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (11897)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55424236) **1.50 The Great British Quiz.** The question-master is Philip Hayton (s) (55428052)
2.15 Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (s) (803120)
3.45 Noddy (s) (3090507) **3.55 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (4072472) **4.10 Dinobabies** (7320830) **4.35 Growing Up Wild.** Terry Nutkins meets wild members of the dog family (s) (5075675)
5.00 Newsround (4341507) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Children's comprehensive school drama series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2812323)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (622588)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (255)
6.30 Regional news magazines (507)
7.00 **This Is Your Life.** *Michael Aspel with a potted biography of another surprised worthy.* (Ceefax) (s) (4205)
7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs series (s) (491)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and *Jenny Hull reveal the tricks of the television programme makers' trade.* (Ceefax) (s) (226781)
8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (256675)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1588)



Siobhan Redmond sets the fur flying (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines: Blooded. Mo goes undercover to find out who is setting fire to fur shops. (Ceefax) (s) (774675)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Boxing: the WBO light flyweight championship bout *between Paul Weir and Narcisco Rodriguez; and the* amateur match between England and the US; Cricket: a preview of the first Test between Australia and England; Football: a round-up of tonight's FA Carling Premiership news (s) (5918526)
11.40 FILM: Club Paradise (1986) starring Robin Williams, Peter O'Toole and Twiggy. Comedy about an early-retired Chicago fireman who moves to a Caribbean island and sinks his money into a run-down resort which seems to attract an odd collection of customers. Directed by Harold Ramis. (Ceefax) (356859)
1.15am Weather (9871057)
4.00-4.45 BBC Select: TV Edits — German 3 TV3. Scrambled (2610705)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8958101) **7.05 Barney** (r) (8957472) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (8152453) **7.35 It'll Never Work** (r). (Ceefax) (9401033)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6697385)
8.15 **The Record.** *Yesterday's parliamentary proceedings* (8911526) **8.35 Crawl Into My Parlour.** Sand fleas and crabs (r) (9521033)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6085385) **1.45** *You and Me* (56336120) **2.00** *Penny Crayon* (55523753)
2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (23956946)
2.35 Top Gear Rally Report. Live coverage of the finish of the Network Q RAC Rally (6320304)
3.00 News (Ceefax) followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (6516435) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3088762)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (120)
4.30 Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (s) (77743)
5.30 Esther. Studio discussion series (s) (656)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (775781)
6.45 The Series from Hell: Leaving Home. Mark Lamarr discovers the pitfalls of moving out of the family home. (Ceefax) (s) (565120)
7.00 Lifeswaps. (Ceefax) (s) (8897)
7.30 Top Gear Rally Report. *Steve Lee reviews the Network Q RAC Rally which ended today* (753)



Zong Man fishing on the Li River (8.00pm)

8.00 Wildlife Showcase: He Dances for his Cormorants. The story of a Chinese fisherman who uses the talents of cormorants. (Ceefax) (s) (4217)
8.30 University Challenge. Keble College, Oxford, v Hull University (s) (6052)
9.00 Grace under Fire. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (249491)
9.25 Great Journeys: The Caribbean. (Ceefax) (s) (2185410)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (523323)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (254994) **11.55 Weather** (836304)
12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** A report on the day's proceedings in Parliament (8882347)
12.50am Snooker. *Quarter-final highlights* (3218328). Ends at **1.50**
2.00 Night School: English Night (r) (27255)
4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (r). (Ceefax and signing) (61638502)

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CHOICE



Tony Robinson parties in Trinidad (BBC2, 9.25pm)

Great Journeys
BBC2, 9.25pm

Tony (Baldrick) Robinson confesses that he is not much good at pleasure but offered the chance of a trip round the Caribbean at someone else's expense he bravely decides to give it a go. This is hardly a "great" journey, indeed much of it is lightweight and frivolous, but Robinson is an engaging guide who is not averse to making a fool of himself in the cause of entertaining footage. He gets his chance during the Trinidad carnival, when fellow revellers coat him with mud, loosen him up with rum and urge him to dance manically through the streets. Jamaica and the Dominican Republic offer other varieties of hedonism, such as voodoo, a cock fight and an alarming mushroom tea. But Robinson *is still puritan enough to* remember the Caribbean's pollution and poverty.

Lifeswaps
BBC2, 7.00pm

The role-reversal show has the bright idea of sending Tessa Williams from *Woman's Hour* to spend a week on the downmarket *Sunday Sport*, while *Sport* reporter Stuart Qualtrough makes the switch to Radio 4. Williams's journalistic scruples are soon put to the test as she is dispatched to Blackpool for a story about a page three girl who is threatening to make sexual history on television. So far, so predictable. But if Qualtrough thought he was going to be reporting on jam-making and cosmetics, he reckoned without the modern, socially uninhibited *Woman's Hour*. He gets a sex story as well. After this, the swapping of disc jockeys between a hip club and a 50th birthday bash cannot help but be second division stuff.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A robust edition of the current affairs programme alleges that the security services played an important role in the Thatcher Government's determination to break the 1984 miners' strike. It claims that intense surveillance of the National Union of Mineworkers by MI5 and GCHQ meant that the union's key decisions were known in advance by the Government. The programme draws on MI5 and GCHQ sources to reveal how miners leaders' telephones were tapped, the hotels and restaurants they used were bugged and their offices watched. *Dispatches* also examines evidence that newspaper and television reports aimed at discrediting Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, after the strike may have been planted by MI5.

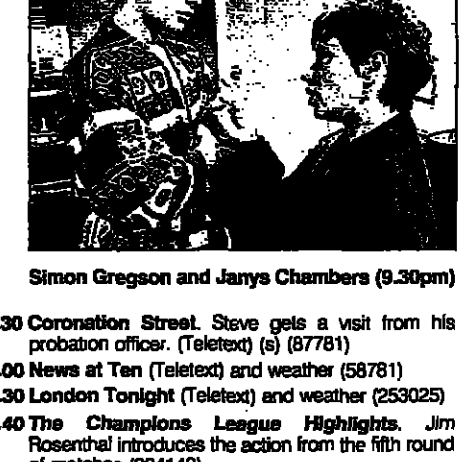
Short and Curlies: Syrup
Channel 4, 9.45pm

George (Bill Thomas) is a mousy little man with an embarrassment he cannot hide. Try as he might to spread his remaining strands of hair over his large *bald cranium, it takes only an unkind gust of wind to* reveal the naked truth. Skinheads tease him and even his wife (Annette Badland) keeps her distance. Then he gets himself a syrup (wig), defies the giggles and becomes a new man. This neat little parable, written by Nick Vivian and directed by Paul Unwin, launches the eighth series of the Channel 4 strand to encourage new film-makers. *Syrup*'s fame has preceded it. Shown this year at the Cannes Film Festival, it won the jury prize for short film.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3051439)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4163830) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6095762)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9644878)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine programme (73548491) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7270472)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8455205)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7805566) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (20969033)
1.55 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice, Stephen Gardner and Pattie Caldwell (52064255)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (23971255) **2.50 Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama (7008878)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6388897) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6387168)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4097781) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3086304) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (4008897) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (3528323) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (8802762) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (s) (2797548)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2806762)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (234472)
5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (607410)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (323)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (293491)
6.50 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor hosts the last show in the series. Ably assisted by Gayle and Gillian Blakeney. (Teletext) (s) (948304)
7.20 The Champions League — Live. Bob Wilson and Terry Venables introduce live coverage of the match between IFK Gothenburg and Manchester United from Sweden (10640052)

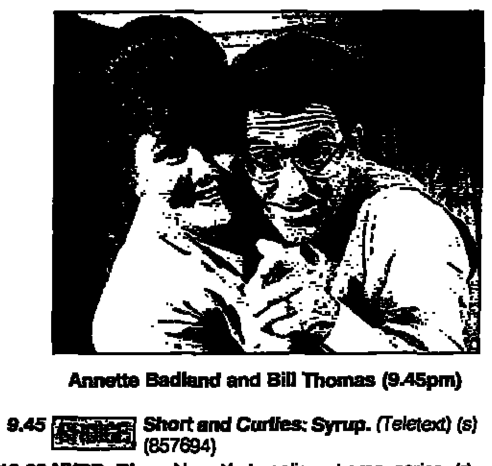


Simon Gregson and Janys Chambers (9.30pm)

9.30 Coronation Street. Steve gets a visit from his probation officer. (Teletext) (s) (87781)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (58781)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (253025)
10.40 The Champions League Highlights. Jim Rosenthal introduces the action from the fifth round of matches (904149)
11.40 The Brit Awards 1994 hosted by Elton John and RuPaul from Alexandra Palace (r) (s) (347255)
1.10am **Profile.** *Seal talks about his music and* spirituality, and the changes in his life over the past four years (s) (7633540)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Richard Jobson and Karen Krizanovich swap gossip (s) (75724)
2.00 **The Beat** *with music from Therapy?, Manic Street* Preachers, Cop Shoot Cop and Afghan Wings (s) (88057) **3.00 The Album Show** (s) (20182)
4.00 Beyond Reality. More tales of the supernatural (90182)
4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show. Ordinary people with famous relatives (r) (s) (34989)
5.00 America's Top Ten (s) (91786)
5.30 ITN Morning News (60958). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (4858588)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (94120)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (35830)
9.30 Schools: Good Health (8524385) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8547236) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8948439) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (8927946) **10.40** The Technology Programme (1375830) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6732830) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9217033) **11.15** Art Adventures (9300323) **11.30** *Rat-a-Tat-Tat* (3263762) **11.45** *First Edition* (3268217)
12.00 House To House with Maya Even (55694)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (28255) **1.30 Hullaballoo** with Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by *Dig and Dug* (s) (64830)
2.00 FILM: She (1935, b/w) starring Randolph Scott, Helen Gahagan, Helen Mack and Nigel Bruce. The first talkie version of H. Rider Haggard's story of a queen who discovers the secret of eternal youth in a *sacred flame. Directed by Irving Pichel and Lansing* C. Holden. (Teletext) (219762)
3.45 Sports Suite. Sportsmen's movements synchronised with classical music (4074830)
4.00 Waterways. Dick Warner on the third of his six-leg *voyage along Ireland's inland waterways.* (Teletext) (s) (588)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (472)
5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are women who believe that all men are liars. (Teletext) (s) (2942149)
5.50 Terrytoons. Cartoons (697033)
6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (80878)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (168897)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (322897)
8.00 **Brookside.** (Teletext) *(s)* (9385)
8.30 Travelog. Reports from the islands off the west coast of Scotland and from Malawi. (Teletext) (s) (1120)
9.00 Dispatches (719507)



Annette Badland and Bill Thomas (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies: Syrup. *(Teletext) (s)* (857694)
10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (r). (Teletext) (s) (1830)
11.00 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (109205)
11.40 Moviewatch. Glasgow filmgoers review the latest releases (r) (s) (694120)
12.10am Nightingales. Comedy series starring Robert Lindsay, David Threlfall and James Ellis as indolent nightwatchmen (r) (s) (1974989)
12.40 LA Law. American courtroom drama series (s) (3211415)
1.40 FILM: Please Teacher (1937, b/w) starring Bobby Howes. Vintage farce about a penniless man-about-town who infiltrates a girls' finishing school in order *to find a missing will. Directed by Stafford Dickens* (2853521)
3.05 Mission Eureka. Episode six of the seven-part science-fiction adventure (r) (8943811). Ends **4.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55412491) **2.20** *Gardening Time* (23963236) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7008878) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2806762) **6.25-6.50** Anglia News (221566) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (914526) **12.40am** Sunday in the Country (700811) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6963095) **2.50** *The Album Show* (1392665) **3.45** Jobfinder (8092786) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (1793732)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55412491) **2.20** Gardening Time (23963236) **2.50-3.20** *Blockbusters* (7008878) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2806762) **6.25-6.50** Central News and Weather (221566) **11.40** Crime Story (730946) **12.30am** Love and War (79927) **1.00-1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46724) **2.55-3.00** Profile (4771076) **4.00** Jobfinder (7401298) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2111057)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7805566) **1.25** Home and Away (87134410) **1.50** Danielle Steel's Kaleidoscope (9521566) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (7008878) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2806762) **6.25** Granada Tonight (221566) **6.50-7.20** Take Your Pick (948304) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (914526) **12.40am** Sunday in the Country (700811) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6963095) **2.50** The Album Show (1392665) **3.45** *Jobfinder* (8092786) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (1793732)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-3.20 Carry On Sergeant (6480856) **4.05-4.10** Cartoon Time (3528323) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2806762) **5.55** Home and Away (611472) **6.25-6.50** HTV News (221566) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (914526) **12.40am** Sunday in the Country (700811) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6963095) **2.50** The Album Show (1392665) **3.45** Jobfinder (8092786) **4.35-5.30** *Sport AM* (1793732)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (7270472) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6387168) **6.25-6.50** Wales Tonight (221566) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (253025)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6095762) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7270472) **1.55** A Country Practice (55412491) **2.20** *Loud and Clear* (23963236) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7008878) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6387168) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2806762) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making it Happen (694946) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (471089) **6.20-6.50** Evening Surgery (988439) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (253025) **1.10am** Music Box Profile (8485163) **1.20-1.30** Music Box Profile (8887616) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (91786)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (55412491) **2.20-2.50** Look and Cook (23963236) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2806762) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (620120) **6.20-6.50** Runway (988439) **10.40-11.35** Bodies of Evidence (914526) **12.35am-1.30** *The Equalizer* (3233637) **2.00** Videofashion (78502) **2.30** The Album Show (28298) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (8870873) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (4881892)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 High Road (52064255) **2.25-2.55** *Westcountry Focus: Far's Fair* (23962507) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2806762) **6.00-6.50** Westcountry Live (760859) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (253025) **10.40-11.35** The Equalizer (914526) **12.40am** Sunday in the Country (700811) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6963095) **2.50** The Album Show (1392665) **3.45** Jobfinder (8092786) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (1793732)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55412491) **2.20-2.50** Look and Cook (23963236) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2806762) **5.55** Calendar (620120) **6.20-6.50** Runway (988439) **10.40-11.35** Bodies of Evidence (914526) **12.35am-1.30** The Equalizer (3233637) **2.00** Videofashion (78502) **2.30** The Album Show (28298) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (8870873) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (4881892)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (94120) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (35830) **9.30** Ysgolion (303743) **12.00pm** House To House (55694) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (72859) **1.00** Sesame Street (60014) **2.00** My Foolish Heart (200014) **3.50** La Poulette Grise (8912149) **3.55** Screaming Reels (8139588) **4.30** Gamesmaster (472) **5.00** 5 Pump (1460472) **5.20** 5 Pump (4338033) **5.30** Fifteen To One (192) **6.00** Newyddion (776471) **6.20** Hano (399410) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3865) **7.30** Brodyr Bach (101) **8.00** Pengelli (9385) **8.30** Newyddion (1120) **9.00** Dim Ond Celf (239830) **9.35** Rap (499694) **10.00** Brookside (56323) **10.30** Cutting Edge: *Absolutely Marie Claire* (82675) **11.30** Dispatches (741052) **12.15am** Ellen (10328)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (59859) **8.00** Power Rangers (8888149) **8.45** Cartoons (1912994) **9.30** Card Sharks (10033) **10.00** Concentration (8441323) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9292217) **10.30** Candid Camera (99052) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44149) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (90304) **12.30pm** E Street (21149) **1.00** Falcon Crest (19304) **2.00** Harem (12052) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8458323) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (1191694) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6694) **6.00** Gamesworld (3859) **6.30** Spellbound (7439) **7.00** E Street (7323) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6823) **8.00** One West Waikiki (47101) **9.00** The Wanderer (67965) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (60052) **11.00** David Letterman (309965) **11.45** WIOU (217149) **12.45am** Barney Miller (84927) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (74540)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5002781) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (25743) **10.30** ABC Nightline (97694) **1.30pm** CBS News (10323) **2.30** Parliament Live (38149) **5.00** Live at Five (4236) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (44014) **9.30** Sky News Extra (87052) **11.30** CBS News (15149) **12.30am** ABC News (9690250) **1.10** Littlejohn (7304434) **2.30** Parliament Replay (56892) **4.30** CBS News (84892) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (14502)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7150781) **10.00 Zorba the Greek** (1964) (74010976) **12.20pm Two of a Kind** (1983) (188439) **2.00 Dream Chasers** (1985) (51304) **4.00 Prehysteria!** (1992) (1526) **6.00 Wargames** (1983) (71189) **8.00 Indecent Proposal** (1993) (43385) **10.00 Final Analysis** (1992) (22137385) **12.05am Three for One** (1990) (6040163) **1.35 Hells of Anger** (1970) (917540) **3.15-5.00 Valmont** (1989) (97230786)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm *The Fuzzy Pink Nightgown* (1957) (35304) **8.00 Love with the Proper Stranger** (1963) (47149) **10.00-12.00 Hamburger Hill** (1987) (13584)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am *Tarzan's Revenge* (1938) (75897) **8.00 Thumbelina:** Cartoon (83236) **9.00 The Wind in the Willows:** Animation (42830) **10.00 Tarzan and the Leopard Woman** (1946) (9642946) **11.15 Tarzan and the Amazons** (1945) (1967743) **12.35pm Young Mr Lincoln** (1939) (86038236) **2.15 The Crackerman** (1963) (870897) **4.05 Thumbelina:** As 8am (3408965) **5.00 The Wind in the Willows:** As 9am (3215588) **5.55 Spaceballs** (1987) (58391507) **7.30 Special Feature: The London Film Festival** (9033) **8.00 The Disappearance of Nora** (1993) (74255) **10.00 Over the Line** (1992) (803762) **11.50 Equinox** (1993) (385236) **1.40am Toy Soldiers** (1991) (303298) **3.35-5.00 Whispers in the Dark** (1992) (43256365)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8416385) **7.15** WWF Superstars (874323) **8.15** Soccer News (9283897) **8.30** Surfing (35323) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (36168) **10.00** ATP Tennis Frankfurt Finals (90656) **11.30** One to One (65033) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (14269) **12.30pm** FA Cup Replay (26859) **2.30** Grassroots Rugby (6588) **3.00** Boots 'n' All (78149) **4.00** Extreme (55656) **5.00** WWF Challenge (8526) **6.00** Soccer News (762946) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (750101) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (1897) **7.00** The Rugby Club (45679) **8.00** Ringside Boxing (85385) **10.00** Soccer News (289439) **10.15** NBA Basketball (296101) **12.15am** Snowboard Tour (3570873) **1.00-2.15** WWF Survivor Series, Live (7904144)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97255) **8.00** Dancing (29052) **9.00** Eurotennis (95946) **10.00** Truck Racing (48491) **10.30** Rally (14205) **11.00** Football (81304) **1.00pm** Live Weightlifting (36656) **3.00** Eurofun (9014) **3.30** Equestrianism (74033) **4.30** Live Weightlifting (98269) **6.30** News (6965) **7.00** Wrestling (78007) **8.30** Rally (9878) **9.00** Live Boxing (95192) **11.00** Equestrianism (94168) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (88347)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8972491) **8.30** Peyton Place (8971762) **9.00** As the World Turns (9189897) **10.00** Guiding Light (9303965) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9383101)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations: Turkey (8982878) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3124014) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (9394217) **1.30** Cooking in France (3123385) **2.00** American Adventurer (2035743) **2.30** *Ticket to Paradise* (5415439) **3.00** Travel Destinations (2054878) **3.30** Mansion (5487656) **4.00** Roads to Freedom (5499491) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5495675) **5.00** Ticket to Paradise (2059323) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (5419255) **6.00** Getaway: Australia (5416168) **6.30** American Adventurer (5490120) **7.00** Travel Destinations (2046859) **7.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5495304) **8.00** Guide (3364025) **9.00** Getaway (9964269) **10.00** Cruising the Globe (8863507) **10.30** Cooking in America (8992255) **11.00** Getaway Australia (7976014) *11.30-12.00 Mansion* (5951675)



High stakes for Robert Redford, Demi Moore (Sky Movies, 8pm)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (8092746) **9.30** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (7355946) **10.00** Talking Heads (2558548) *10.30 Only Human* (1361033) **11.30** Breaking the Habit (3442946) **12.00** The Opposite Sex (7378897) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (9598897) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (7358033) **2.00** Life is for Living (8439101) **2.30** Private Lives (4845156) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (8458236) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (9895651)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (9568656) **7.30** Neighbours (9570491) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4842043) **8.30** EastEnders (5232584) **9.00** The Bill (1597976) **9.30** Buccaneer (9733946) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (48409101) **11.35** The Sullivans (19266491) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1692520) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7351120) **1.00** EastEnders (9590255) **1.30** The Bill (7350491) **2.00** Bless This House (8448859) **2.30** Citizen Smith (2045174) **3.00** Knots Landing (3448120) **4.00** Dynasty (3487255) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2946781) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3883965) **5.55** Terry and June (2227946) **6.30** EastEnders (7990025) **7.00** Citizen Smith (8442675) **7.30** Colin's Sandwich (1590089) **8.00** Miss Marple (2606033) **10.00** The Bill (6747679) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9858526) **11.10** Kit Curran (5842507) **11.40** Dr Who (4277304) **12.10am** The Goodies (2420811) **12.45** South of the Border (4426892) **1.45** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4012205) **6.15** Bobobobs (810965) **6.45** Casper (819236) **7.15** Head to Head (7891476) **7.25** Eek the Cat *(4906472) 7.55 Saved by the Bell (9030548)* **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7547385) **8.40** Tilou (8369255) **8.50** Coconcinel (8365439) **9.00** Its Droobee Time (42878) **10.00** Paddington (88690) **11.00** Kitty Cats (13502) **11.30** Barney (63061) **12.00** Ratkan III (46439) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39575168) **12.40** Eek the Cat (1720033) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70715323) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51219120) **1.50** Tilou (51215304) **2.00** Baber (9965) **2.30** Blinky Bill (4526) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2138323) **3.15** Bobby's World (447168) **3.45** The Bots Master (446439) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2796598) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (4762)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (8447255) **7.15** Grimmy (274149) **7.45** Rugrats (266120) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9261439) **8.30** The Real Ghostbusters (2243255) **8.45** Nickalive! (2231410) **9.00** Nick Jr (368965) **12.00** Muppet Show (97781) **12.30pm** Rugrats (38526) **1.00** Doug (80965) **1.30** Chipmunks (37897) **2.00** Denver (6781) **2.30** Smoggies (7830) **3.00** Nick Faves! (2588) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (9675) **4.00** Turtles Gold (1410) **4.30** Rugrats (7694) **5.00** Clarissa (7033) **5.30** Doug (8946) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (5859) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (9439)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Life in the Wild (9459708) **4.30** The Coral Reef (8245912) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8453781) **5.30** The New Explorers (1437032) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7367781) **7.00** Predators (2624439) **8.00** Invention (8459965) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8439472) **9.00** The Infinite Voyage (2613323) **10.00** Normandy (2616410) **11.00** Terra X (3466526) **11.30-12.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (4127252)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Cone of Silence (1960) (8053136) **2.00pm** The Avengers (1003453) **3.00** My Three Sons (8445762) **3.30** The *Beverly Hillbillies* (5295697) *4.00 FILM: All for* Mary (1956) (2641762) **5.30** Drama Classics (6645138) **6.00** The Protectors (3390061) **6.30** Cannon (3067897) **7.30** Scotland Yard (9990205) **8.00** The Avengers (2697385) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3458507) **9.30** Behave Yourself (7368052) **10.00-12.00** *FILM: Straight on Till Morning* (1972) (3449859)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (1820491) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (1542976) **8.00** All Well and Good (3195946) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3194217) **9.00** Ken Hom (1849014) **9.35** Definition (3624897) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2499762) **10.30** Susan Powter (3107781) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1884965) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1333410) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1527507) **1.30** Bazaar (6682830) **2.00** Agony Hour (2490491) **3.00** Living Magazine (3149236) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24650014) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2303946) **4.30** Definition (49954217) **4.55** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (6642014) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2316410) **6.00** Material World (2313323) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2304675) **7.00** Living Magazine (1389120) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (1305168) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (1385304) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (1389491) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (1865830)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (3197) **5.30** Boogies Diner (6014) **6.00** Ocean Odyssey (5255) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6507) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (3781) **7.30** Evening Shade (5491) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (49507) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (42694) **11.00** Lou Grant (76859) **12.00** Rhoda (17637) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (89637) **1.00** Tintin (22279) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (59811) **2.00** Boogies Diner (81569) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (60076) **3.00** Lou Grant (20144) **4.00** Rhoda (65521) **4.30** Evening Shade (77704)

MTV
6.30am The Grind (48568) **7.00** European Music Awards Spotlight (92697) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (71304) **8.00** VJ Ingo (655743) **10.30** Awards Spotlight (26217) **11.00** Soul (80052) **12.00** Greatest Hits (79897) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (43033) **3.00** Awards Spotlight (5930) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (6398615) **3.45** Cinematic (5841520) **4.00** News at Night (2708323) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2798946) **4.30** Dial (6120) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (47472) **6.30** Awards Spotlight (8965) **7.00** Greatest Hits (32217) **8.00** Most Wanted (91656) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (70526) **10.00** The Report (644746) **10.15** Cinematic (389651) **10.30** News (828965) **10.45** 3 from 1 (816120) **11.00** The End? Featuring The Brothers Grunt (99439) **1.00am** Soul (33434) **2.00** The Grind (83927) **2.30** Night Videos (486705)

VH-1
7.00am *Crawling from the Wreckage* (9393588) **9.00** Café (1122323) **12.00** The Bridge (8691439) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (3497120) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8202859) **3.30** Into the Music (8621491) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3134491) **7.00** For You (7869435) **8.00** Soul (1564043) **9.00** Ten of the Best (7164287) **10.00** The Bridge (9152743) **11.30** Today's Top Five (6953033) **12.00** The Nightfly (2250076) **2.00** Prime Cuts (3777958) **3.00** Soul (8397124) **4.00** Ten of the Best (1364144) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA
8.00am Persian Dawn (97584) **7.00** Asian Morning (35743) **8.30** Bunyaad (31149) **9.00** Punjabi FILM (980101) **12.00** Ghar (54965) **1.00pm** Serial (86236) **1.00** Hindi FILM (7718491) **4.30** TVA (63120) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (2168) **7.00** Bhagra Top Ten (7897) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (8323) **8.00** News (3217) **8.30** Sports (5052) **9.00** Hindi FILM (833665) **12.00** Asian Morning (266927) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (81145298)

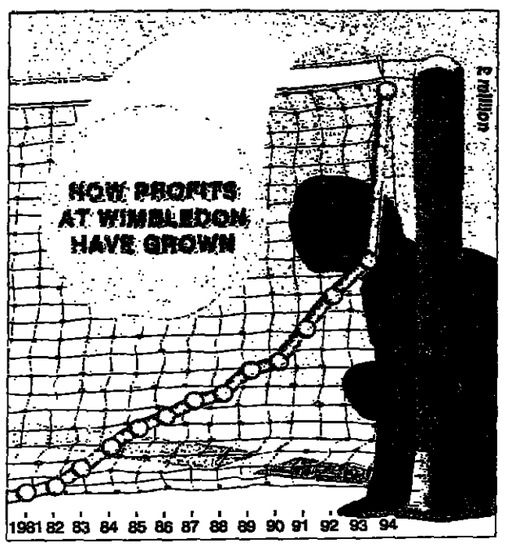
CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Our Favourite Movies
7.00pm The Amazing Dr Clitterhouse (1938) (58757101) **8.40 The Day They Robbed the Bank of England** (1960) (96277439) **10.15 The Light Touch** (1951) (37897472) **12.00 The Walking Stick** (1970) (99646434) **1.55am The Hour of Thirteen** (1952) (70249618) **3.25-5.00** Kind Lady (1951) (13748095)

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SPORT

Wimbledon windfall nets scant reward



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FIRST, the good news: the income generated by the Wimbledon championships this year rose by 70 per cent to almost £28 million. Now, the bad news: the riches produced by the jewel in the domestic crown are in inverse proportion to the success of British tennis.

The men keep sinking to unprecedented depths in the Davis Cup, the women failed to reach the finals of the Federation Cup and there has even been a regression among the juniors. Their percentage of victories in international competition has dropped from 51 in 1993 to 45.

In revealing the extent of the imbalance yesterday, Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), admitted to a sense of discouragement: "In spite of all the efforts and the investment which have been made," he said, "it has been a frustrating and dismal year."

Nor could Richard Lewis, the national director of coaching, offer any indication of an immediate improvement. Lewis claimed that "five or six" British youngsters are as good as any in Europe, with the exception of Martina Hingis, the 14-year-old from Switzerland, who has already joined the women's tour.

He was not prepared, however, to predict how the potentially promising group under the age of 14 might fare, for instance, over the next five years. As Peacock conceded, none of them has "an aspirational role model". Only one Briton, Jeremy Bates, is ranked in the top 100 in world singles.

Through the Wimbledon profits, which have greatly increased principally through merchandising and, in particular, television rights, a stronger foundation is being built. There promises to be a prolonged wait, though, before the extensive programme bears fruit.

Expenditure on facilities has nearly doubled to almost £13 million. New centres have opened in Aberdeen, Birmingham, North Kensington in London, Preston, Taunton and the Wirral. Others are under construction in Batley, east Devon, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Redbridge and Southend.

A dozen clay courts are being installed at Queenswood, nine in Bournemouth and eight at Edinburgh. Eight grass courts are being laid at Nottingham and a new show court is being developed at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, the venue of the last women's tournament before Wimbledon.

A five-year plan, announced last year, set a target of £63 million worth of investment. The revised figure, disclosed yesterday, is £100 million. It is estimated that, by 1998, 40 per cent of the population will be within a 20-minute drive of an indoor centre.

The total of the LTA's income amounts to more than £42 million, but Peacock pointed out that Britain is not among the world's top three wealthiest nations in tennis. They are the United States, Germany and France, where participants are far more numerous.

In spite of the superficially impressive barrage of statistics, the game does not appear to flourish in the public eye other than during the build-up to Wimbledon and during the championships themselves.

This year's experience in Brighton served as a particularly graphic example. The women's event, which featured Conchita Martínez, the holder of the Wimbledon title, was neither sponsored nor widely publicised even within the town last month. The posters in the arena featured Steffi Graf, who had withdrawn because of injury.

In spite of Lewis's protestations, there can be an assurance that the perception of the domestic game will not, initially at least, grow worse. He insists that the Davis Cup team will be "determined to put things straight" in the next tie against Slovakia — ominously on clay — in April.

"They know that a lot of good stuff went out of the window in three days [during the ignominious home defeat by Romania]," Lewis said. "It overshadowed a lot of good individual wins during the year." Yet Bates, the leader of the team, has not committed himself to representing his country.

Little puts Villa on alert with decision to resign

BY DENNIS SHAW

BRIAN Little opened the way for his appointment as manager of Aston Villa yesterday when he resigned from Leicester City, the FA Carling Premiership's bottom club. Within moments of being released by Leicester's directors "with much regret", Little said: "If Aston Villa approached me I would have to be interested, for sure."

Little tendered his resignation "for personal reasons" after lengthy discussions with Martin George, the Leicester chairman. By doing so, Little left Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, with the opportunity to appoint him as successor to Ron Atkinson without having to pay compensation, or risk being charged with inducement.

"My personal integrity has not been affected by this," Little said. "I am now out of work and I don't know what I am going to be doing. I've done what I feel is best for me and I am at ease with myself. In view of my recent frame of mind it is in the best interests of Leicester City also. I am happier now than I have been for several days."

Ellis was not at Villa Park yesterday, but events could move quickly, and it is possible that Little will be in charge for Villa's home match against Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday. Although Little denied that he had resigned in order to take over at Villa, where he made his name as a player, and said he had not been approached by them, he had previously spoken of his interest in the job and is widely thought to be Ellis's first choice. Ellis has refused to comment publicly.

Leicester had denied Villa permission to approach Little, who had 2½ years remaining on his contract, unless they paid £1.5 million compensation for the loss of Little and his coaches, Allan Evans and John Gregory. If he does eventually join them, Little's resignation would appear to have reduced the likelihood of Villa facing any action from the Football Association.

Evans has been put in temporary charge, and will select the side that plays against Arsenal at Filbert Street tonight.

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England rue Malcolm's ill fortune

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

IN THE timing of the illness, the identity of the casualty and the potential for contagion, Devon Malcolm's attack of chicken-pox is about the most disorientating setback imaginable for the England cricket team. Only two days from the start of the Ashes series, they are obliged to rethink selection and strategy without their primary attacking force.

Angus Fraser, cited less than 24 hours earlier by the captain, Michael Atherton, as the type of bowler England did not possess, will, with the utmost irony, join the party here tonight. Whatever his private preferences, however, Atherton stresses that it would be improper for Fraser to play in the first Test ahead of any of the selected seam bowlers and he is expected to rejoin his club team, Western Suburbs, in Sydney before the weekend.

Malcolm's illness was diagnosed by a Brisbane doctor yesterday, after the player noticed spots on his arms, back and shoulders before the team left Tasmania. He is being isolated from the rest of the players, though such precautions are largely cosmetic. The nature of the condition is such that if he was going to pass it on to anyone, he would have done so before his symptoms emerged.

For those England players who have not previously contracted chicken-pox, or at least cannot remember doing so, there is now an additional anxiety. Michael Atherton, the captain, is publicly calm and positive. Throughout the various tribulations of this tour, he has maintained the philosophy that it will be all right on the night. Privately, however, even he must be having doubts.

Malcolm's absence from the Gabba on Friday will not necessarily deprive England of a bagful of wickets, for he is, after all, the sort of mood bowler who can as easily take nought for 100 as five for 50. But it will deprive them of a psychological edge, as Malcolm is the one English bowler of whom Australian batsmen speak with respect.

He disconcerted them at the Oval last year, when his six wickets contributed to a surprising England win, and by taking nine in an innings against South Africa in August, Malcolm planted doubts deep in Australian minds.

Martin McCague, Malcolm's likely replacement, will be under immense pressure both through the circumstances of his inclusion and the fact that he is playing against the country which was home throughout his formative years. McCague has a potentially destructive new-ball spell in him, but there are doubts over his stamina and his temperament.

Mike Smith, the tour manager, paraphrased the feelings of the party yesterday. "How can this happen to Devon?" he bemoaned. "He had to go home injured from the West Indies last winter and now he has fallen over again. His last Test was such a magnificent performance that he must be as shattered as the rest of us. It is a major disappointment for him and the side."

Dave Roberts, the team's physiotherapist, explained the day's distressing events. "Devon came to me this morning and asked me why he had spots on his arm." Roberts said. "I thought immediately it might be chicken-pox, but couldn't be sure. We saw a doctor while in transit at Melbourne and he was not certain, either, but the doctor who examined Devon here in Brisbane confirmed it.

"He won't be able to play for the next two weeks and obviously he is dispirited. It is a very contagious illness so we will try to keep him away from the other players and he will not be allowed in the dressing-room during the game."

Partly through his eccentric form, but also through some ill fortune with injuries, Malcolm has not completed a full series since England's last Ashes tour, four years ago. He was thought certain to play all five Tests this winter and, although the month gap before the Christmas Test gives him ample recovery time, he could hardly have fallen ill at a more sensitive moment.



GRAHAM MORRIS

Malcolm was confined to his hotel room in Brisbane yesterday after being diagnosed as having chicken-pox on his arrival from Tasmania

This will be an early test of the team's ability to rise above the sense of persecution that can so often afflict cricket tours. It will also re-examine the ability of Atherton to cope with adversity and adjust to altered circumstances.

In a week that has seen his side play some sub-standard cricket, Atherton's theme has been that they will raise their game when it matters. He believes that England's schedule, domestic and international, has demanded a great deal of its leading players this year and that it is unreasonable to expect them to be at their peak in every game.

Hence rare periods of rest this week for two of the team's most athletic players. Phil DeFreitas and Graeme Hick. Both men needed the break, DeFreitas being laid low by flu and Hick undergoing traction treatment on his stiff back. Thankfully, as the stabilising influence in the seam attack and the potential destroyer among the batsmen, both are fit.

So, too, is Ian Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, who yesterday passed a fitness test on the thumb injury he sustained on the recent tour of Pakistan. Australia will now start the series at full strength and with maximum confidence. How far England fall short, on both fronts, will be known by the weekend.

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Long-range sniping by Illingworth

RAYMOND Illingworth, the chairman of the England cricket selectors, yesterday appeared to be at odds with his captain, Michael Atherton, three days before the start of the Test series in Australia.

Illingworth, speaking at a sports writers' lunch in London, said he was surprised that Atherton had not been in touch with him and made some forthright comments about tactics being employed. "I would have thought he would have given me a tinkle," Illingworth said. "It's much easier for him to ring me than the other way around because I don't know when they are practising or when they are going to be in the hotel."

Illingworth was unhappy about Atherton's hint that he would have liked Angus Fraser in the original selection. "Saying what he did reflected badly on the other bowlers at a time when he should be building up their confidence."

Illingworth, who will not arrive in Australia until December 21, said that, had there been contact, "I would also have asked him why Steve Rhodes has been opening the batting on a couple of occasions, and not Craig White." He was also concerned, in view of the results, at the amount of time off the players appeared to be having.

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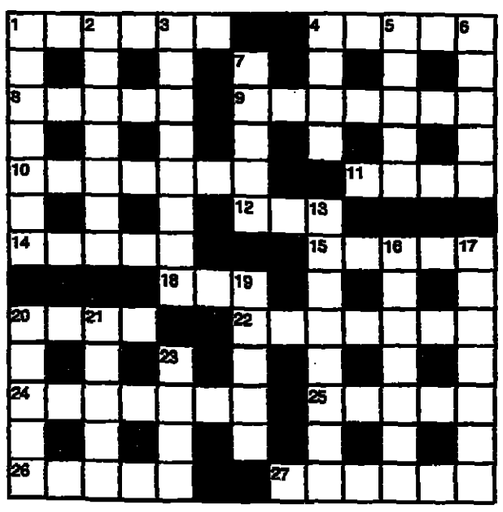
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 326



ACROSS

1 Stand-in (6)
4 Refill a little (3,2)
8 Antitoxic substance; blood component (5)
9 Nonacceptance (7)
10 Ointment (7)
11 Following immediately (4)
12 Cut (eg wood with axe) (3)
14 Spree (5)
15 Book of photographs (5)
18 Water condensed on grass, etc (3)
20 Of great breadth (4)
22 Curl of hair (7)
24 Patent (7)
25 Underground chambers (5)
26 Underwear (5)
27 Suffer without food (6)

DOWN

1 Break in on (7)
2 Perfect examplar of conduct (7)
3 Made more acceptable: toughened (8)
4 Rock made of volcanic ash (4)
5 Ski slope (5)
6 Leader, guide (5)
7 Soup; stock (5)
13 Wood panelling (8)
16 Simon –, S American independence hero (7)
17 Henri –, Fauve painter (7)
19 Twist (off) forcefully (5)
20 Circular fingerprint shape (5)
21 Backless couch (5)
23 Word referring to thing (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 325

ACROSS: 1 Last Supper 8 Reality 9 Chair 10 Digs 11 Olympiad 13 Beret 14 Unfit 16 Betrayal 17 Scar 20 Lucid 21 Ceiling 22 Well-earned

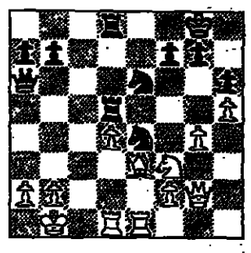
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Ljubojevic - Larsen, Bugojno 1984. Black is a pawn down but has good compensation in the form of a solid central blockade and active pieces. How did he now make the most of the latter to force an unexpected checkmate or decisive gain of material?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KETJAK
a. A *sheepskin jacket*
b. A game with pyramidal dice
c. A Balinese dance

MOTOSCAFO
a. A mobile painting
b. A moped pickpocket
c. A *motorboat*

LIMON
a. *Fresh lemon drink*
b. Sandy soil
c. A *ceremonial apron*

MURUMURU
a. A *tribal conclave*
b. The New Zealand woodpecker
c. A prickly palm

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